私がモテてどうすんだ

Boys, please kiss him instead of me♥

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Jusko Pressoh

KODANSHA COMICS BETSUFURE

KISS HIM, NOT ME!
#41 Getting Back To Normal After A Kidnapping!
BY JUNKO

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SHAKE
HUH?! HOW COULD YOU LET THAT HAP-PEN?!
I...I MANAGED TO GET HER INTO THE CAR, BUT...
...AS SOON AS I TRIED TO GET IN TOO, I FELT SOMETHING STRIKE ME FROM BEHIND, AND I COULDN'T MOVE...
HUH?!
SHAKE
WHEN I LOOKED UP...
IT WAS MITSUBOSHI-SAN...
SHAKE
SHAKE
ANYWAY, WE GOTTA GO AFTER SERINUMA-SAN!!
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY WENT?!
I THINK... IT WAS A STUN GUN.
MITSU-BOSHI ?!
A stun...?!
SERI-OUSLY?! WHAT THE HELL'S WRONG WITH THAT GUY?!
WHAT DID HE HIT YOU WITH?! ARE YOU OKAY?!

HE'S PROBABLY WITH MITSUBOSHI RIGHT NOW!
I BET HE SET US UP!
CAN WE REALLY TRUST HIM?!
WAIT!!
I KNOW! I'LL CALL AKAISA...
THERE'S NO ONE ELSE WE CAN TURN TO, SO I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY OTHER OPTION!
BUT...
...
...!
MURMUR
MURMUR
THIS CALL CANNOT BE MADE DUE TO THE CALLER BEING IN AN AREA WITH NO RECEPTION, OR DUE TO THE POWER BEING OFF.
TAP
O...
OKAY!
Masaharu
Calling...

TCH
IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T REACH HIM!
WAIT!
THE NEXT VENUE!
THEY'RE ON TOUR RIGHT NOW, SO MITSU-BOSHI-KUN IS SURE TO SHOW UP AT THE NEXT VENUE!
THE NEXT VENUE IS IN ...
...SAP-PORO!!
DAMMIT!
KICK

OKAY! LET'S GO!!
TO THE AIR-PORT!!
YEAH!

WHAT THE HECK?! WHY IS TRAFFIC SO JAMMED?!
CRAMPED
CRAMPED
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT AHEAD.
I KNOW ANOTHER ROUTE WE CAN TAKE!

But...
HONK
HONK

But...
FSSSHHH
SORRY! I THINK WE'RE LOST...
HEH HEH!
WHAT ?!
I'M SORRY! I'LL TURN OFF THE METER...
Heh, heh...
VROOM
FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, NO ONE CARES ABOUT THE METER!
GET US ON A FLIGHT TO SAPPORO!!
I'M ON IT!
TMP
FLASH
Two hours later...
W...WE MADE IT!!
仙台国際空港
SENDAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

KABOOM
THERE'S SO MUCH LIGHT-NING!
AHH! IT'S SUDDENLY POURING!
Eeek!
KABOOM
ZSSSSHHH
KABOOM

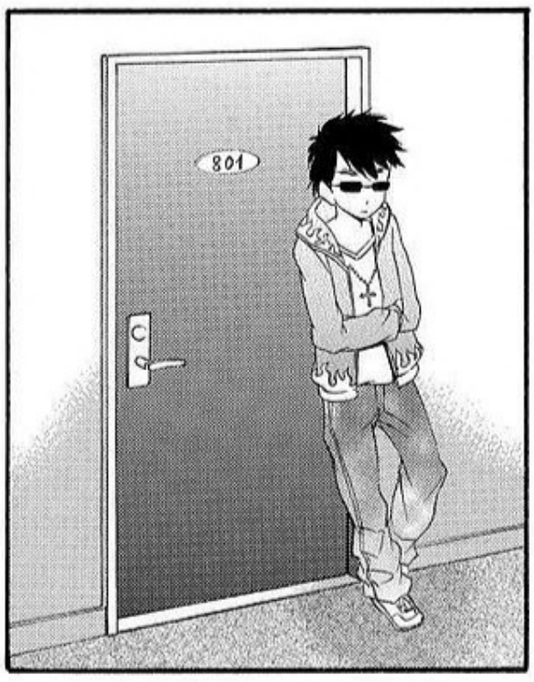
札幌(千歳) Sapporo (Chitose) 19:30 欠航 Cancelled
大阪 Osaka 19:35 欠航 Cancelled
札幌(千歳) Sapporo (Chitose) 19:55 欠航 Cancelled
福岡 Fukuoka 19:55 欠航 Cancelled
おくれ
CLAK
カシャ
カシャ
CLAK
カシャ
CLAK

WHYYYY?!
NISHINA, DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE A HELICOPTER OR SOME-THING?!
WE CAN'T FLY IT IN THIS WEATH-ER!!
SO YOU DO?!
THEN WE TAKE THE TRAIN !!
SORRY!
ゴー
仙台駅
Sendai Station
WE ARE CURRENTLY PERFORMING SAFETY CHECKS DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES. WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN WE WILL BE BACK UP AND RUNNING.
...?!

ENOUGH ALREADY!! WE'LL TAKE THE TAXI AND FERRY, THEN!!
AL-THOUGH IT'LL TAKE TWELVE HOURS !!

Mean-while...
札幌ノホテル
Sapporo Hotel

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE GUARDING THE DOOR.
SO DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO LEAVE THE ROOM!
ガチャッ
KER-CHAK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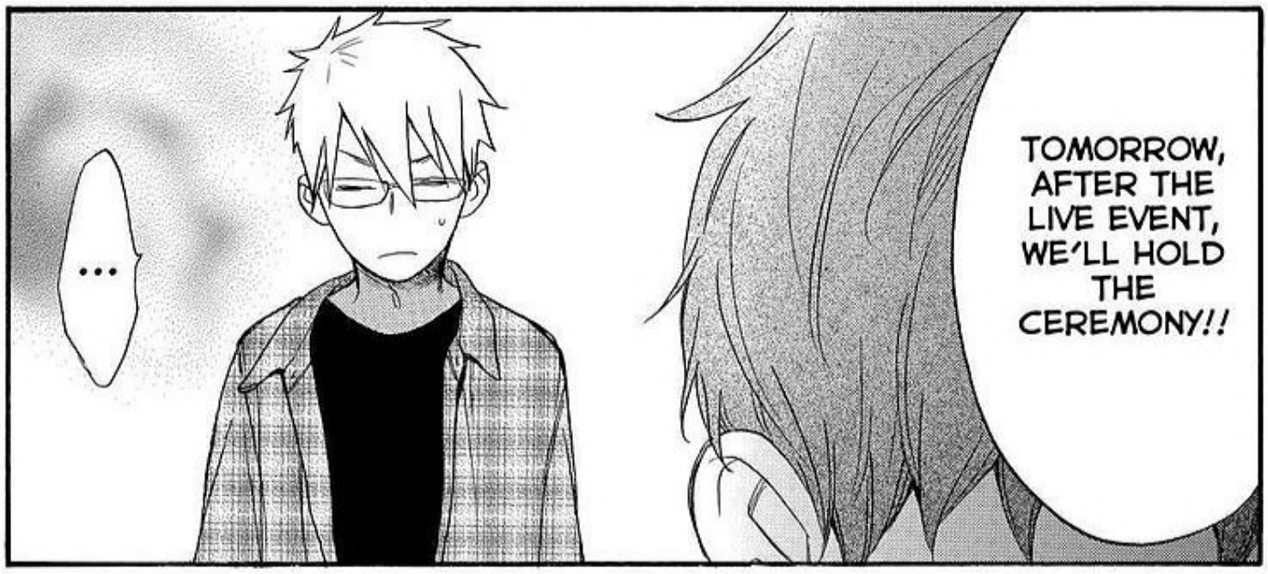
Here! Have some water!
BE A GOOD GIRL AND STAY HERE, OKAY, KAE-CHAN?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
...
WHY...
"WHY"?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
THE REAL KAE-CHAN!!
'CAUSE I LOVE YOU!!

I HEAR ALL OF THEM STARTED COURTING YOU ONLY AFTER YOU BECAME BEAUTIFUL AND THIN.
BUT THAT MEANS THEY ONLY CARE ABOUT YOUR APPEARANCE.
IGARASHI-KUN, NANASHIMA-KUN, SHINOMIYA-KUN, AND MUTSUMI-SAN...
?!
WHA... WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "REAL" ...?!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS YOUR TRUE GOODNESS ...!!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO UNDER-STANDS THAT.
BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT MAKES YOU WONDER-FUL, KAE-CHAN...!
THAT'S THE REAL YOU, KAE-CHAN...!!
YOU'RE MOST BEAUTIFUL THE WAY YOU LOOK NOW... BACK TO THE WAY YOU LOOKED A LONG TIME AGO.
AND PLUS, THOSE GUYS DON'T UNDER-STAND...

SNAP
パチン
PULL
ズッ
MASA-HARU!
TH...
THAT'S ...!!
RUSTLE
?!
LIFT

FLOAT
KAE-CHAN...
IT'S OKAY.
I HAVE IT ALL READY.
LEAVE IT ALL TO ME.

MARRY ME.
SMILE
にこっ
JOLT
ゾクッ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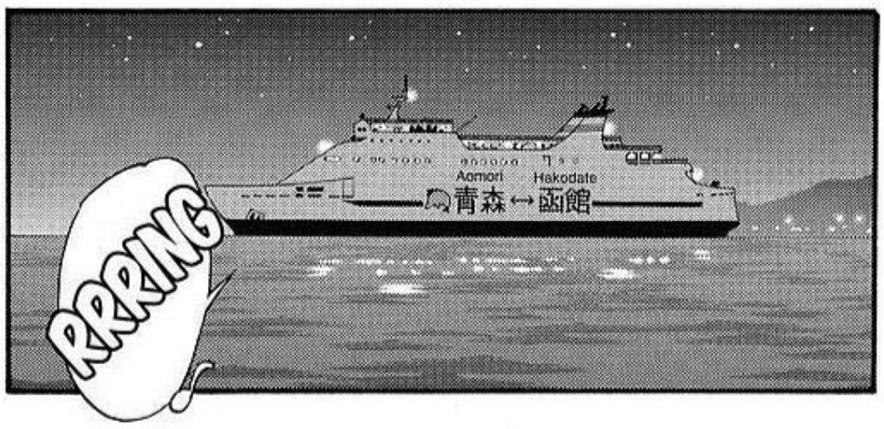
TOMORROW, AFTER THE LIVE EVENT, WE'LL HOLD THE CEREMONY!!


RRRING
Aomori
Hakodate
青森↔函館

TMP TMP
AAAH

I'M IN SAPPORO NOW... WITH TAKERU.
WHAT?! SO YOU SET US UP, AFTER ALL!!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG! LISTEN TO ME!!

?!
BLEGH!
AKAI-SAN?!
WHERE THE HECK ARE YOU...?!

WE'RE STAYING AT THE SAPPORO HOTEL.
SHE'S OKAY.
BUT THINGS ARE REALLY BAD...
YOU ONLY HAVE UNTIL TOMOR-ROW!!
?!
Nozomu Nanashima
Call ended
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THA--
HUH?! HELLO?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MASAHARU ?
TA-KERU !!
STOP THIS!
THIS ISN'T...
MASAHARU.
SO YOU WERE LEAKING INFO TO THEM...
I KNEW IT!
I'M SUR-PRISED YOU'D TRY SUCH A THING.

YOU PROMISED, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU SAID YOU'D LISTEN TO WHAT-EVER I SAID...

...AND FULFILL MY WISHES.

YOUR DAD WAS THE REASON WHY MY FAMILY BROKE APART...

...AND YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO ATONE FOR HIS ACTIONS AS HIS SON.

YOU SURE ARE SINCERE, MASA-HARU.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOUR DAD INCURRED ALL THAT DEBT IN THE JOINT BUSINESS AND RAN AWAY...

...HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

SLIDE

HOW KIND YOU ARE...

THERE'S NOT GONNA BE A THIRD TIME...
GOT IT?
SMILE
...
O... OKAY ...
NGH...
NOW, THEN...
SHALL WE CHANGE HOTELS?
SINCE THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE.
FWIP
DROP
COUGH COUGH
GOOD!

HEY,
HATO-KUN? IT'S ME.
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU AGAIN.
CAN I ASK YOU FOR ANOTHER FAVOR?
...
The next day...
HOTEL YOHTANI SAPPORO
...
SEE YOU AFTER THE LIVE EVENT!
ALL RIGHT, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

I CAN'T STAY HERE ...!!
ばっ!!
FWOOSH

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
I CAN'T GET THROUGH TO TAH-KUN ANY-MORE...!
...

GLANCE
GLANCE
B...BUT HOW...?!
IT'S NO USE! THERE'S A GUARD IN THE HALLWAY ...
MY ONLY WAY OUT IS THE WINDOW ...

ANYWAY, I GOTTA ESCAPE!
NOW'S MY ONLY CHANCE!!

WHOOSH
GASP
I...I KNOW !!

EEK!
TH...THIS WAS A RECKLESS IDEA!
CREAK
CREAK
WHOOSH
EEK?!
SLIP
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
I TIED ALL THE LINENS TOGETHER...
IF I CAN JUST DROP DOWN TO THE ROOM RIGHT BELOW...!!
WHOOSH
BOING
ROLL ROLL
ROLL ROLL
THUMP
THUD

Kae's room
Here
I...I FELL DOWN TO THE RES-TAURANT TERRACE BELOW...
ARE YOU OKAY ?!
WH... WHAT THE...?! DID YOU JUST FALL?!
TWITCH
TWITCH
I... I... I...
AMAZ-ING... SHE HAS NO INJUR-IES!!
EEK!
YEEHAW!!
ALL RIGHT! TIME TO GET OUTTA HERE!!
MURMUR
MURMUR
Kae decided not to sweat the small things!!
IT WORKED !!
POSITIVE
WOOHOO!
WHAT AN EXCITED TOMBOY...
MY GOOD-NESS...
CLINK...

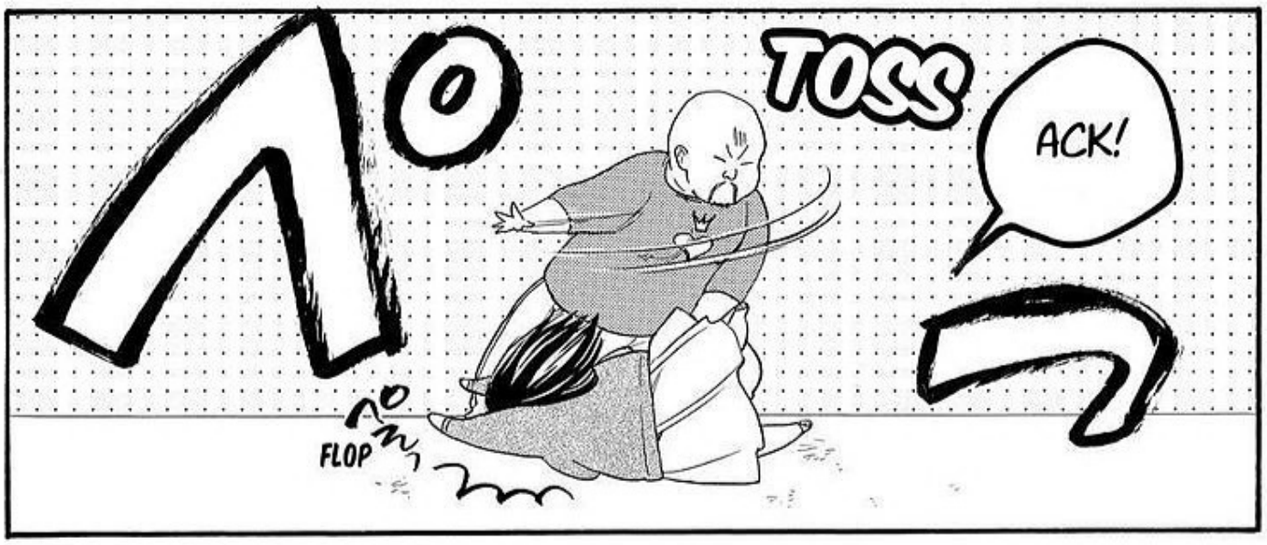
KER-CHAK

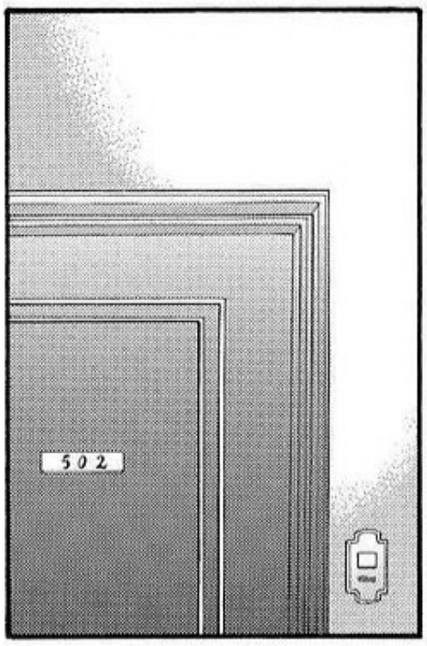
THE FRONT EN-TRANCE ISN'T GONNA WORK... SOME-ONE'S THERE.
I'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE BACK...
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
HUFF! PUFF!

THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU GO...
WHAT A SHAME.

BOOM
...BUT I CAN'T LET YOU ESCAPE!
YOU GAVE IT YOUR BEST...

HEH HEH HEH
IF YOU WANNA PASS, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET THROUGH ME!!
TAKERU ASKED ME TO "PROTECT" YOU.
OH, FORGIVE ME! MY NAME IS HATO.
BOW
?!
WH... WHO ARE YOU?!
...I WON'T HOLD BACK!!
GLINT
HMPH ...!!
THEN ...
ARRRGHHH!!
BOOM


NO
TOSS
ACK!
FLOP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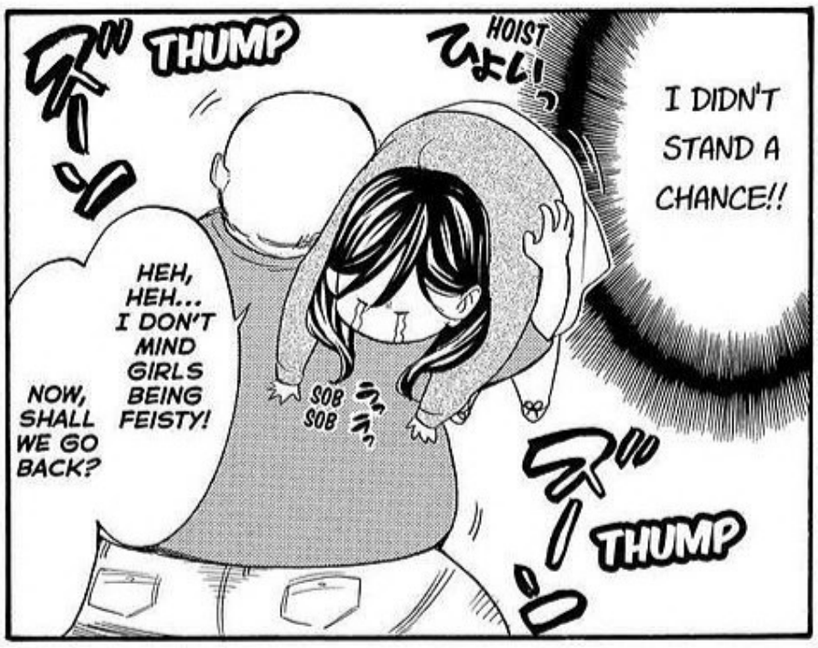
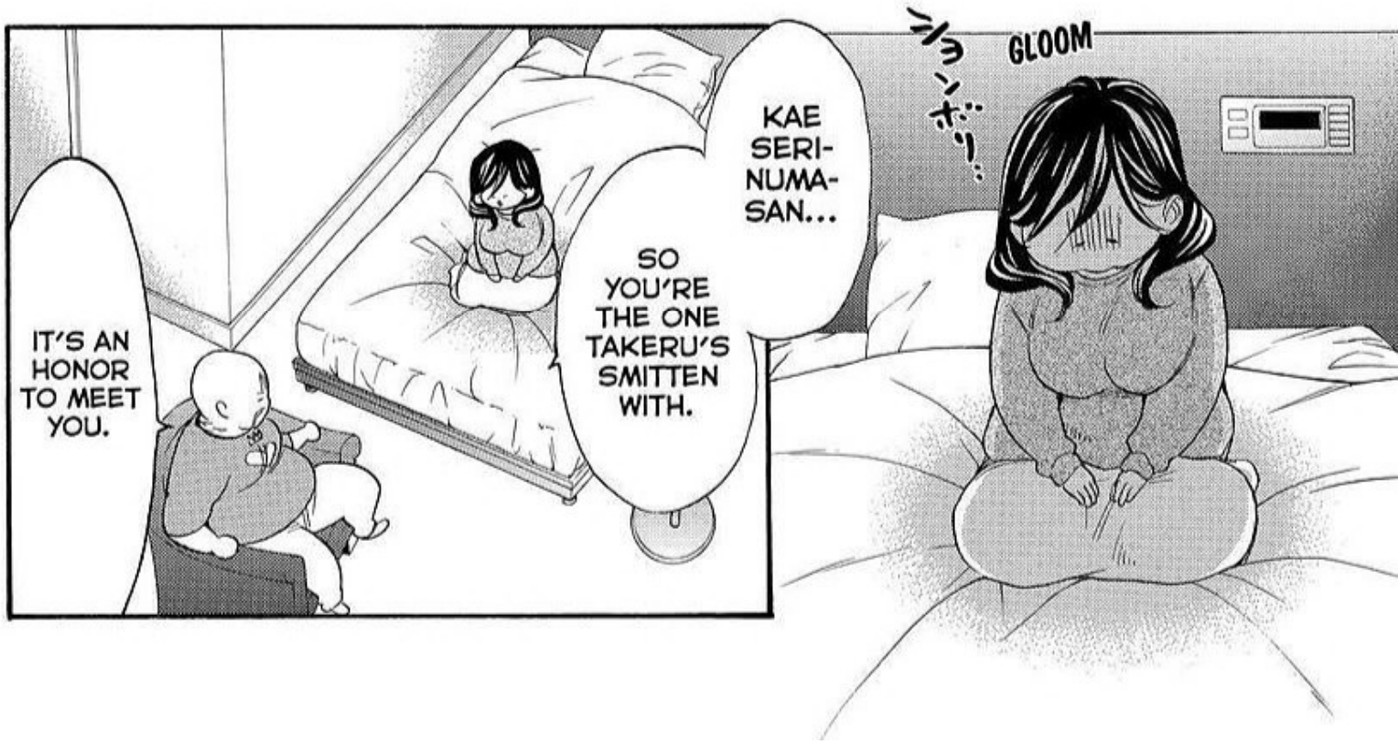

THUMP
HOIST
I DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE!!
HEH, HEH... I DON'T MIND GIRLS BEING FEISTY!
NOW, SHALL WE GO BACK?
SOB SOB
THUMP


GLOOM
KAE SERI-NUMA-SAN...
SO YOU'RE THE ONE TAKERU'S SMITTEN WITH.
IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU.

WE USED TO GO TO JUNIOR HIGH TOGETHER, THAT'S ALL.
HUH ?!
HE'S THE SAME AGE AS TAH-KUN?!
I thought he was in his 30s...
WE'RE BEST FRIENDS... OR RATHER, BOSOM BUDDIES, IF YOU WILL.
H... HOW DO YOU KNOW TAH-KUN?
GULP
WE MET IN THE SUMMER...
LIAR!! THEN WHAT'S ALL THIS?!
THEY WERE IN YOUR BAG!!
You stole these bamboo shoots!!
I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY GOT THERE!!
I'm more of a mushroom guy!!
WHAP
WHAP
I TOLD YOU, I DIDN'T SHOPLIFT!!
Supermarket
SIR!! YOU GOTTA SEE THIS!
KER-CHAK
THAT BOY...
...ISN'T THE CULPRIT.

I'M SORRY... I GOT SCARED, SHOVED THE STUFF IN THAT PERSON'S BAG, AND RAN AWAY...

THIS GUY'S THE CULPRIT.
キィ:
CREAK...
I SAW HIM.

Uh...
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.
HM?
スーパー
supermarket

ぽっ
BLUSH

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I'M GLAD WE CLEARED UP THAT MIS-UNDER-STAND-ING!
SMILE
ニコ

THAT'S HOW WE ENDED UP HANGING OUT TOGETHER.
BUT SOMETIMES, THERE'D BE A DARKNESS IN TAKERU'S EYES...
LATER ON, I LEARNED THE REASON... HIS PAST.

I WAS CHARMED BY HIS DAZZLING SMILE AND HIS KIND HEART!
TAKERU'S SO NOBLE!! OH, SO NOBLE!!
BAWL
JOLT

THAT'S WHEN I MADE THE DECISION ...
...TO DO ANYTHING FOR TAKERU'S HAPPINESS!!
BWAAAAHH!
JOLT
JOLT
OF COURSE, I'M ALSO CHEERING ON HIS VOICE ACTING CAREER WITH ALL MY HEART!!

THAT'S WHY, KAE SERINUMA-SAN...
EVEN HIS MARRIAGE TO YOU...

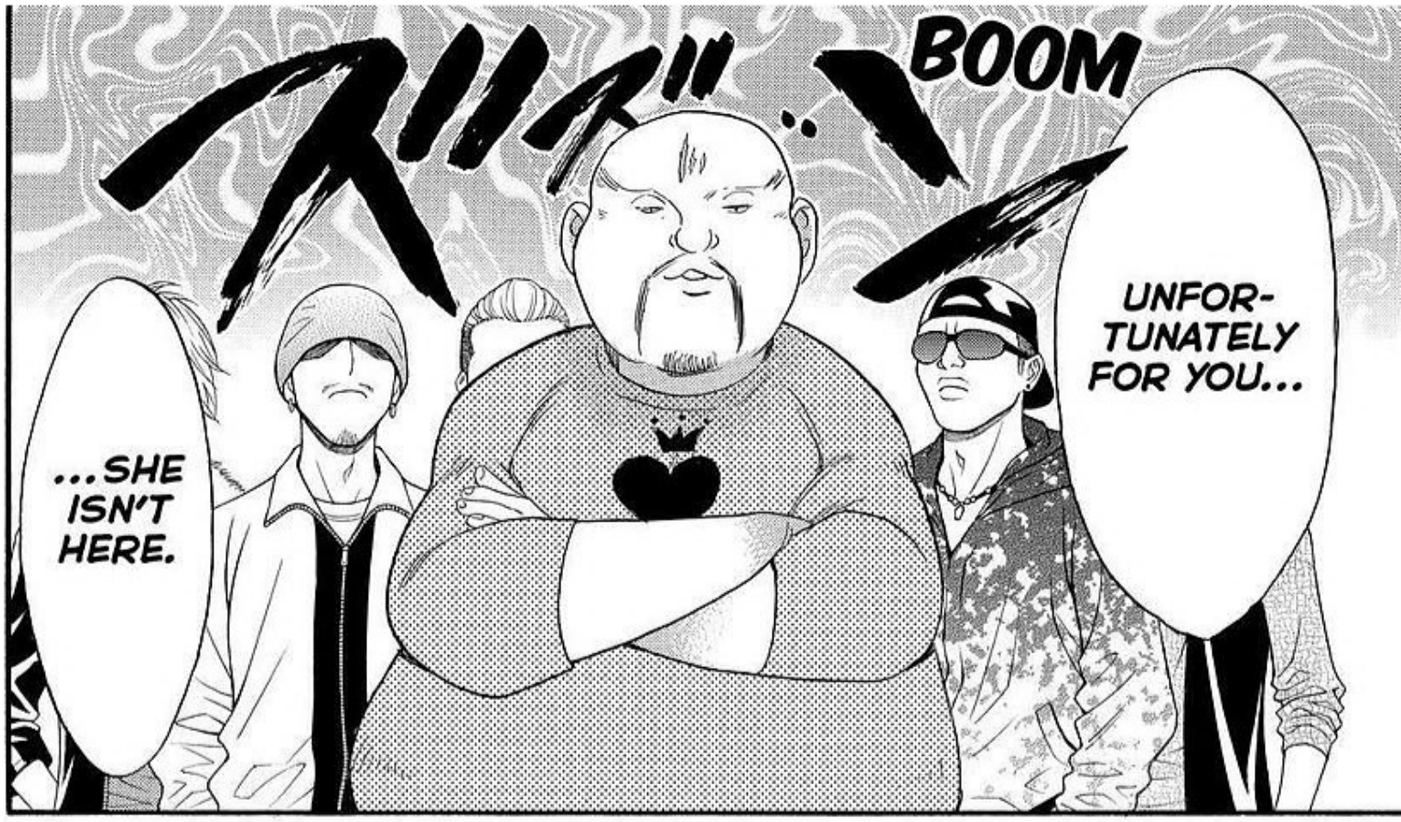
I'VE WATCHED ALL THE SHOWS THAT TAKERU'S IN, AND I GO TO ALL HIS EVENTS.
GASP
Heh, heh, heh...
"KATCHU LOVE," TOO?!
OF COURSE, I'M TOTALLY TEAM AKANE!!
ME TOO!!
CLATTER
She can't help but get excited, sadly.

CREAK...
IF IT'S WHAT TAKERU WANTS, THEN I WANNA MAKE IT HAPPEN ...
...NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!
...!!
Meanwhile, at the Sapporo Hotel...
札幌ノホテル
Sapporo Hotel
SERI-NUMA-SAN!!
BANG

...?!
EMPTY

YEAH!!
DID WE GET THE RIGHT ROOM?!
THERE'S NO ONE HERE?!

STOMP
HEH, HEH, HEH...


BOOM
UNFOR-TUNATELY FOR YOU...
...SHE ISN'T HERE.

?!
WHO ARE YOU GUYS ?!
TURN
WHERE DID YOU TAKE SERI-NUMA-SAN?!
Heh! Heh! Heh!

?!
Heh! Heh! Heh!
GRAB
WHAT THE HELL?! YOU WANNA GO?!
LET GO OF ME!!

SNAP
I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT.
NOW BE GOOD AND DON'T MOVE.

BOOM
I'M GONNA TAKE OUT THE LEADER !!
THIS IS GET-TING NO-WHERE !
TCH
THAT FOUR-EYED TRAITOR SET US UP, AFTER ALL!
SMACK
NO WAY !!
HE HAS SO MUCH FAT...
BOING
BOING
FWISH

SMACK
THUD
FWIP
THIS IS A WASTE OF TIME.
No way!
IGA-RASHI ?!
?!
PSSSHHH

HEY!
WHAT ?!
PSSSHHH
STOP ...
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH

I DIDN'T SPRAY IT ON YOUR FACES, SO IT WON'T TAKE YOU LONG TO RECOVER.
SNAP
I TOOK A LITTLE SYMPATHY ON YOU GUYS.
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
SOB

DAMN ...
WRIGGLE

I'M GONNA HEAD TO THE VENUE, THEN!
HAPPY
HAPPY
OKAY!
MY JOB'S DONE!

YOU GUYS ARE GONNA STAY HERE.
TMP
TMP
TMP
UNTIL EVERY-THING IS OVER ...!
...?!

OH NO! IF WE'RE STUCK HERE...!!
SERINUMA-SAN!!

...!
INCRED-IBLE...!
KER-CHAK
YOHTANI SAPPORO

JUST AS I THOUGHT !!
BEAUTIFUL ...!
THAT'S MY KAE-CHAN...!
DON'T WORRY, OKAY?
JUST TRUST ME.
CLENCH
I'M GONNA MAKE YOU HAPPY ...!
NOW, THEN ...?
...SHALL WE GO?

TO THE CHURCH!
TO BE CONTINUED IN the DECEMBER issue

Last Time: Everyone's bodies are getting switched, and now even Nanashima and Nishina!! Can everyone switch back to their original selves?!

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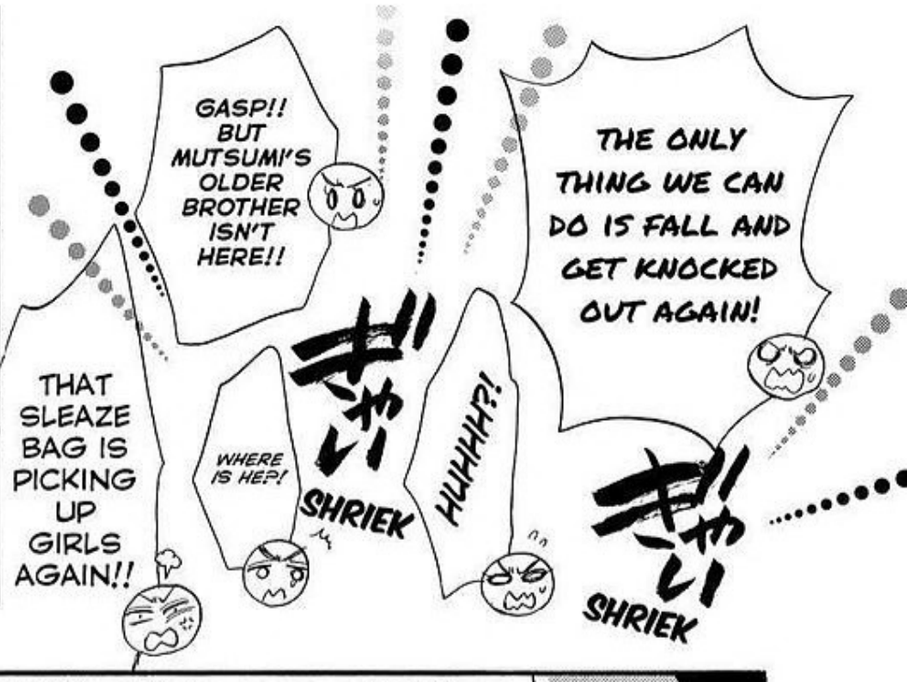
はぁ!!!
GASP
LET'S HURRY UP AND FIND HIM!


GASP!! BUT MUTSUMI'S OLDER BROTHER ISN'T HERE!!
THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO IS FALL AND GET KNOCKED OUT AGAIN!
THAT SLEAZE BAG IS PICKING UP GIRLS AGAIN!!
WHERE IS HE?!
キャー
SHRIEK
HUHHH?!
キャー
SHRIEK

第13期卒業生一同
We, as a whole, the graduates from the 13th grade,

ドン!! BOOM
GASP!!
HUH?!
WHAT?!
SORRY, SENPAI!!
SNAP
GRAB

SENPAI, THIS IS OUR CHANCE! LET'S HAVE SOME FUN BEFORE WE SWITCH BACK!
OH MY GOD! THIS IS...!!
じゅるっ
DROOL
?!
SHINO-MIYA-KUN!! TAKE A PIC OF US, WILL YOU?!
UH, SURE !!
HUH?!
SNAP

YEAH! CUT IT OUT! THIS IS BLAS-PHEMY!!
WH...WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S BODY?!!
TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE
TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE

URK!
JOLT
GULP
HMPH!
WHISPER
"BLAS-PHEMY"?
FOR SOMEONE WHO SAID "THESE BOOBS ARE MINE"...
...YOU SHOULDN'T TALK!
Not above playing the same game

OKAY!!
O...
OKAY, I'M GONNA TAKE IT!

OKAY, LET'S CONTINUE!
YEAH! LET'S KEEP GOING!!
NGHH...
Damn wo-man!

SNAP
BANG!
DANGER!!
SNAP
IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU GUYS ARE GONNA BE, WE'RE GONNA DO WHATEVER WE WANT, TOO!!
STOP WITH THOSE POSES!!
DAMMIT, YOU TWO!! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!!
This is so not cool!!

I...I'M SO LUCKY!!
GASP
S...SERI-NUMA!!
NO, IT'S IGARASHI, BUT...SERI-NUMA...!!
GRAB
COME ON, NANA!!
ACK!
BOOM
I CAN'T !!
ANNOYED
HUH ?!
I DON'T WANNA DO THIS KINDA STUFF WITH NISHINA! NO WAY!!
Tch
SO HE NOTICED ...
YOU MIGHT BE COOL WITH IT, BUT I GAIN NOTHING FROM THIS!

I'M STILL GONNA DO IT! IN MY PURSUIT OF ALL THAT IS CUTE!!

I'M GONNA KILL YOU!!

HOW RUDE!!

I HATE DOING STUFF WITH YOUR BODY, TOO, IGARASHI!! IT MAKES ME WANNA PUKE!!

じゃあやめろよ!! THEN DON'T DO IT!!

TMP TMP TMP TMP メリメリ

UH... OKAY!!

OKAY, LET'S CONTINUE!!

HEY!! NOT AGAIN!!

COME BACK!!

A''''!! DASH

FINE!!

I'M GONNA HAVE MY OWN FUN, THEN!!

...THERE ARE MORE AND MORE SLEAZY-LOOKING PICS OF IGARASHI-SENPAI AND NANASHIMA-SENPAI ON MY PHONE...

SNAP カシャー

SNAP カシャー

TOTALLY! ♡

YEAH! LET'S DO THAT, TOO! ♡

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE HECK I'M DOING...

UH, OKAY.

ALL RIGHT, SHINOMIYA-KUN! TAKE THE PIC!!

COME ON!!

IT'LL BE FINE!
C'MON, SHIMA-CHAN!!
YANK
UH, NO, I...!
I'm good! Like, I really don't want to!
OKAY!
HUH ?!
SHINO-MIYA-KUN!
LET'S GET YOU IN THESE PIC-TURES, TOO!!
H-HEEK !!
PLEASE DON'T REMIND ME!!
TUG
I'm not afraid of anything anymore, y'know!
HEH, HEH... THE TWO OF US HAVE DONE A LOT OF "STUFF" BEFORE, HAVEN'T WE?
DON'T GET ALL EMBAR-RASSED ON ME NOW! ♡
IGARA-SHIII! GET BACK HERE!!
TMP
TMP
TMP
Mean-while...
Has totally become the dominant partner →
HEH HEH HEH... THEN SHALL WE DO IT AGAIN?
This time, I'll be the one who...
NOOOON!!
SEN-PAI, NICE MOVE !!

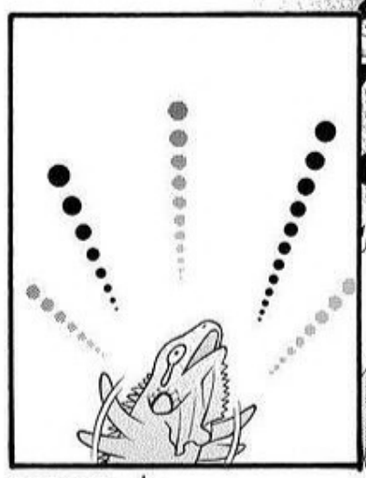
YOU DUN-NO WHEN TO QUIT, NANA !!
WILL YOU JUST GIVE UP ALREA-
...?!
TRIP
AHHHH!!
THUD THUD THUD
SERI ...
IGARASHI!!!!
CRASH
HUH?
OW ...
ARE YOU OKAY ?!
OH?!
MU-TSUMI-SEN... I MEAN, HIS OLDER BRO-THER ...?!

I MANAGED TO SWITCH WITH MY BROTHER EARLIER.
しょんぼり
GLOOM
TAKE THAT!
Older brother
NOPE... IT'S ME, MUTSUMI.
LIS-TEN!
IF THE PAIRS THAT HAVE TO BE SWITCHED FALL TOGETHER, THERE WON'T BE ANY CON-FUSION.
LET'S GIVE IT A SHOT.
YOU HAVE TO FALL!
HUH? BUT HOW...?!
OKAY, ALL OF YOU SWITCH BACK, TOO!!
SHOVE
SHOVE
HUH?
AHHHH!!
Okay, next up!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
H... Heeek!
OKAY, HAVE A SAFE TRIP!!
ドン
SHOVE
BUT THERE'S NO GUARAN-TEE THAT...
ACK!
SO RUTH-LESS !!

WE'RE BACK! FINALLY !!!
SIGH!

I...I DIDN'T GET SWITCHED WITH ANYONE, BUT FOR SOME REASON, I'M EXHAUSTED...
EXHAUSTED
MEOW! MEOW! MEOW! MEOW! MEOW!
IT'S YOUR PUN-ISH-MENT.
AS FOR YOU, BRO, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO WAIT A BIT.
FOR SURE!
HEH HEH HEH!
NOTHING BEATS BEING IN YOUR OWN BODY!
SQUEAL
SQUEAL

THOR, I'M HOME! ♡
KER-CHAK
THOR... I'LL HAVE THOR PERK ME UP!
THOR
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
PHEW, I'M BEAT...
AROOO



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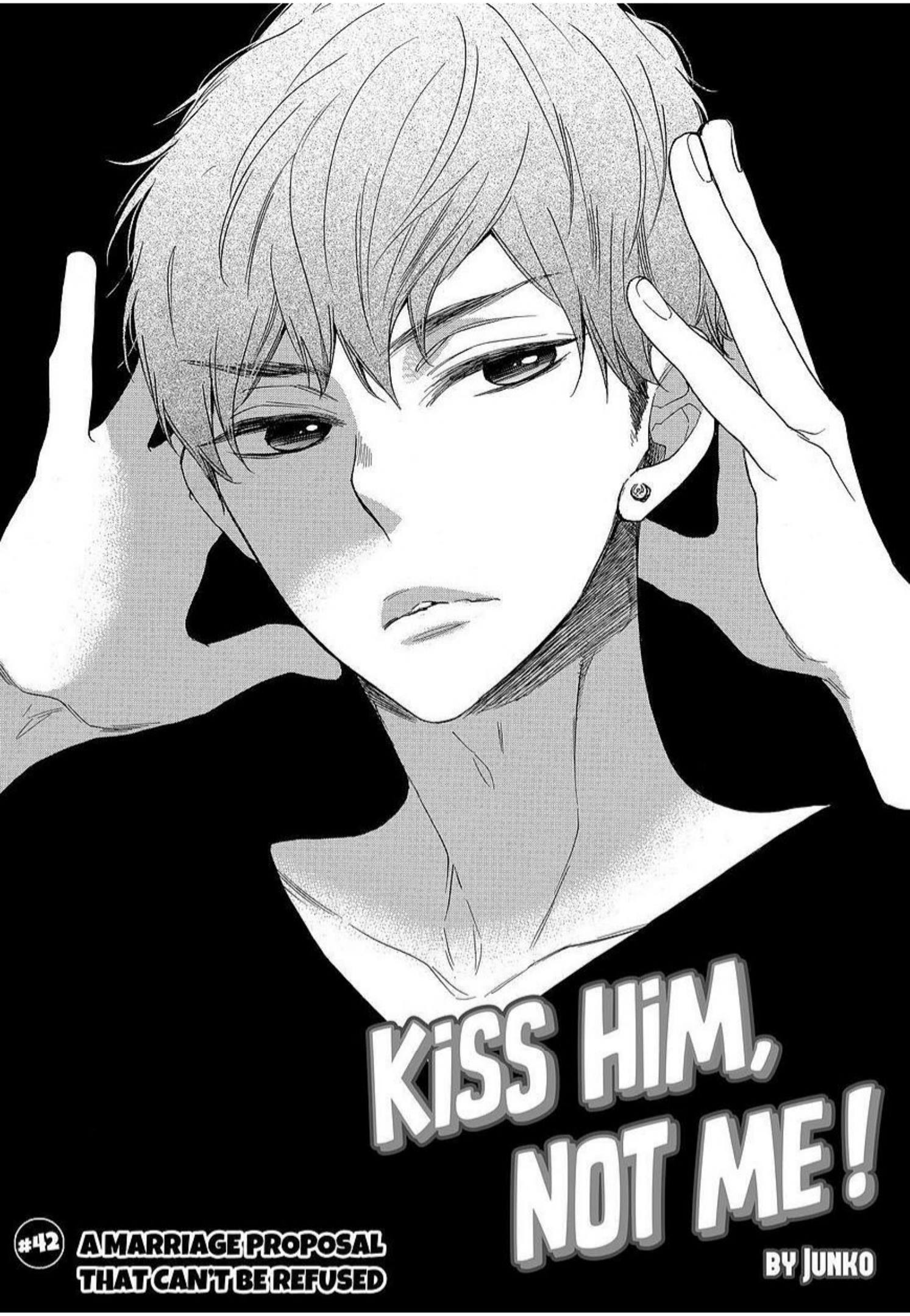
KISS HIM, NOT ME!
BY JUNKO
#42
A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL THAT CAN'T BE REFUSED

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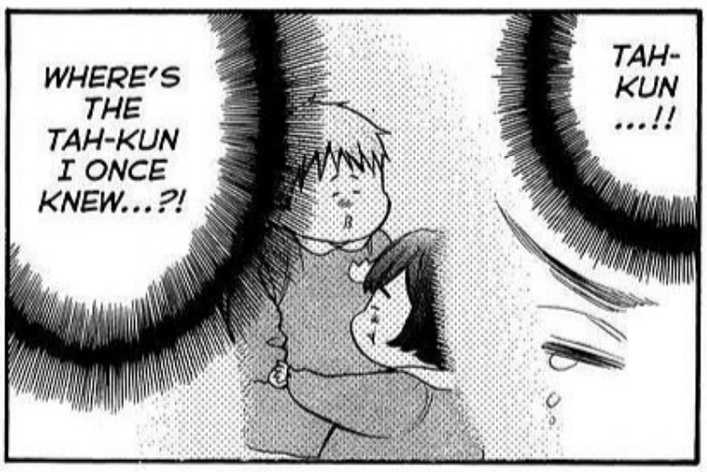
PLEASE PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR THE BRIDE!
WOOHOO!
CLAP CLAP
WHISTLE
CLAP CLAP
CREAK
CREAK

BOOM
CRAMPED
CRAMPED
THERE'S NO WAY FOR ME TO RUN AWAY!
STOMP
STOMP
I...I HAD NO IDEA THEY WERE TWINS...
NOW, THEN...
KAE-CHAN.

DO YOU, TAKERU MITSUBOSHI, TAKE THIS WOMAN TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, FOR RICHER, FOR POORER, IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH...
TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH, UNTIL DEATH DO YOU PART?
I DO.

AND DO YOU, KAE SERI-NUMA, TAKE THIS MAN...
TAH-KUN...
DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS IS OKAY...?!

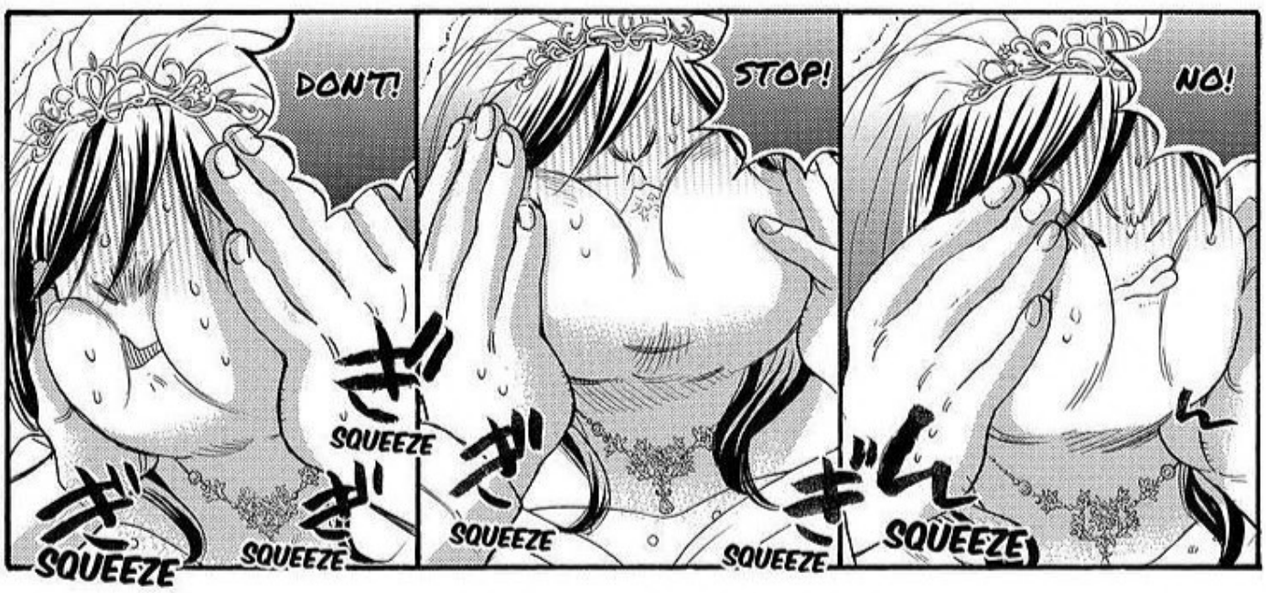
OF COURSE!
STOP MAKING ME REPEAT MYSELF!


TAH-KUN ...!!
WHERE'S THE TAH-KUN I ONCE KNEW...?!

NOW, THEN ...
YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE ...

HUH ?!

C'MON! HOLD STILL!!
NGH!!
Hato's hand
CLATTER
I DON'T WANT TO!!
NO! NO! NO!!


DON'T!
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
STOP!
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
NO!
SQUEEZE

FSSSHHH
THIS IS NOT AMUSING!!
OH KAE-CHAN, HOW AMUSING!!

WHA--?!
OH NO!!
PSSSHHH

MURMUR
HUH? SMOKE?
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THIS IS SMOKE!!
FSSSHHH

RUN!
AHHHH!
DON'T PUSH!
Hurry! Hurry!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD

THIS WAY!!
A FIRE!!
STAY CALM AND FOLLOW MY LEAD!!

I CAN'T SEE...
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
WH... WHAT'S GOING ON?!
AHHHH!

YANK
?!
FWOOSH
AHHHH!!!
BOOM
SHE'S OVER THERE !!
HEY, LOOK!!
HUH ?!
HOLY CRAP!! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
COUGH
COUGH

AFTER HER!!
HEY! COME BACK HERE !!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
HOW'D SHE GET ALL THE WAY THERE ?!
SHE MUST'VE RUN OFF DURING THE CONFUS-ION!
Weird!
Nice!
I GOT HER...
YANK
POW
HUH?!
STAND

BOOM
FIIIRE!!
?!

BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
No way!
ARE THEY NUTS ?!
OW OW OW OW!!
WHAT IS THAT?! AN AIR GUN?!
YOU'RE HITTING US! YOU'RE HITTING US!!
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
YOW !!
ROGER THAT!!
RA TAT TAT TAT TAT
RA TAT TAT TAT TAT
OBLI-TER-ATE THEM !!

SHRIEK
AHHH!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!!
PAK
DEATH

FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE WITH YOU, HUH...
Seriously...
That's a little intimidating...
IT CAME IN HANDY, DIDN'T IT?!
HMPH!

WE CAN'T LAND, SO WE'RE HEADING BACK TO BASE!
NICE! WELL DONE, GUYS!! MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!
OKAY!
ROGER!!
OH, AND KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM MY FATHER!!

URK!
FORGET IT...!!
THANKS TO SHINOMIYA'S QUICK WIT, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT!!

YEAH! YOU DID GOOD!!
Nice job leading them!!
Good thing they weren't able to tell it was me!
TH...THANK GOODNESS THE PLAN WORKED!!
PANT
PANT

Three hours earlier...
札幌ノホテル
Sapporo Hotel
HEY, WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?!
TIME IS...
THIS IS BAD...
CRAP!!
WELL, WELL!
GIVE IT UP.
IT'S FUTILE.
ガチャ
KER-CHAK
...!
SHINO-MIYA-KUN?!
ぽろぽろぽろっ
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
HUH?!
You're kidding me.

DUDE... THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE CRYING!!
You idiot!
BUT I...
I GOTTA GO TO THE BATH-ROOM!!
WHAAA?!
That doesn't make it okay!
FIDGET
FIDGET
I GOTTA GOOO!!
YOU THINK I'M GONNA LET YOU?!
DO YOUR BUS-INESS THERE ...
TCH!
Shut up!
WATERY
PLEASE...
HUH?!
URK!

M-ME, TOO! I'M ABOUT TO GO IN MY PANTS !!
THEN IT SHOULD WORK FOR A GIRL LIKE ME ...!!
WAHHH!

Oh!
THANK YOU SO MUCH...
WELL...
I SUPPOSE HE WON'T BE ANY TROUBLE.
Ah, whatever!
WHAAAT?! IT WORKED!

UH, I DON'T THINK SO...
Heh heh!
HUH ?!
What did you say, Igarashi?!
THAT'S SEXIST! I'LL SUE!!
HOW AWFUL!!
SHOCK
You can learn a thing or two from Hayato-kyun!
PTOO!
PTOO!
NOT YOU!! AFTER THE STRUGGLE YOU PUT UP, YOU THINK YOU'RE GONNA FOOL ME NOW?!

D-DON'T WATCH ME!!
MAKE IT QUICK!!
I KNOW!!
TURN

SLAM

YOW!!
CLATTER
CLATTER

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
ZIIIIIIP

YOUR ZIPPER ?!
M...MY ZIPPER'S...
FLUSTERED
FLUSTERED
WH... WHAT'S THE MATTER ?!

SPLASH

GLINT

THUD
WHAT WAS THAT ?!
?!
S... STOP!
SLIP
TAKE THAT! AND THAT !!
PSHOO
PSHOO
AGH...
MY EYES! MY EYES !!
KER-CHAK
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHOOSH
WHACK
?!
WH... WHAT THE?!
THUD
THUD
THUD
AHHH!
WOBBLE
HUH?!

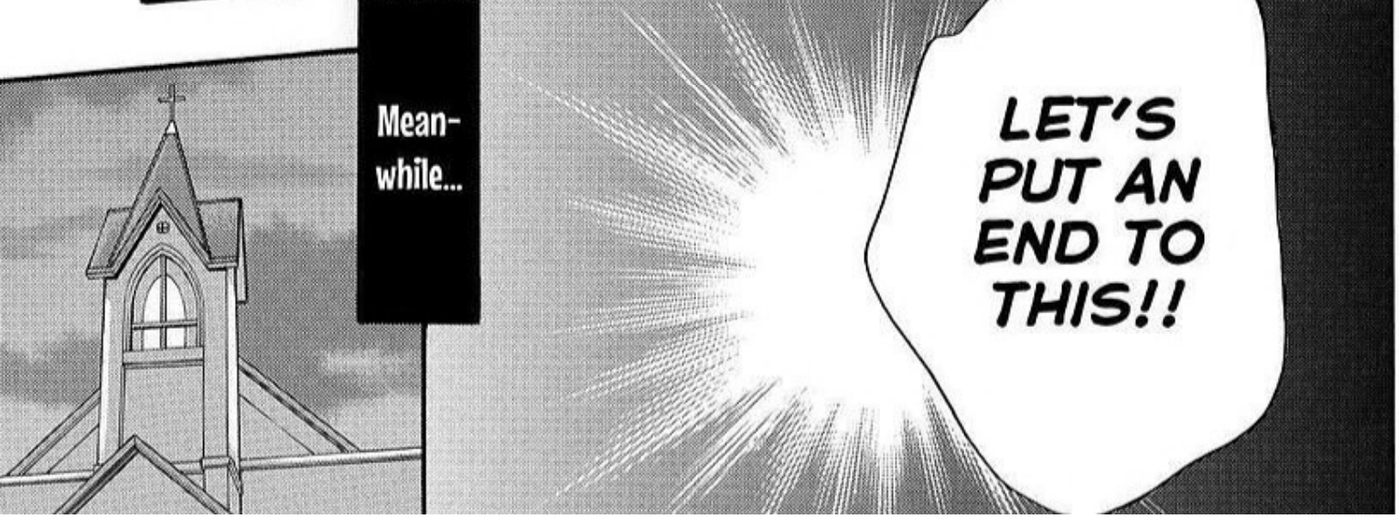
ALL RIGHT! I TOOK THEM BOTH DOWN!!
BANG
LET'S MAKE OUR ESCAPE NOW WHILE WE STILL CAN!!
HUH?! AMAZING!! ONCE IN A WHILE, YOU PULL IT TO-GETHER!!
I GUESS YOU ARE HANDY ONCE IN A WHILE!!
YOU'RE SO COOL, SHINO-MIYA-KUN! ONCE IN A WHILE !!
STOP REPEATING "ONCE IN A WHILE" !!
Thanks!
YES!! IT'S OFF!
SNAP
NICE!
NICE!
PAT PAT
Good boy!
RUB RUB
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?!
OKAY, LET'S WAKE THEM UP!
WAIT! I GOT A MES-SAGE!!
THOSE GUYS WHO WERE GUARDING US MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING.
GOOD JOB, SHINO!!

Masaharu Akai
Nishihashi Church
LOOK !!
A CHURCH ...?
AND WHAT'S THAT?!
A dress?!
F-FOUND IT! IT'S ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF AWAY FROM HERE.
BUT CAN WE STILL TRUST HIM?!
THE PHOTO HE SENT IS OF SERINUMA-SAN AND MITSU-BOSHI-KUN, THOUGH!
I GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO...
ALL RIGHT!
THEN...
LET'S GO PREP-ARED!!

HOPEFULLY IGARASHI AND SENPAI WERE ABLE TO GO IN AND GRAB SERINUMA-SENPAI WITHOUT A HITCH!
THERE WERE A LOT OF LACKIES, SO IT WAS THE RIGHT MOVE TO PULL OFF A SURPRISE ATTACK.
YOU MANAGED TO ESCAPE, I SEE... I APPLAUD YOU FOR THAT...
?!
SO YOU WERE BEHIND THIS...
YOUR TRICKS WON'T WORK ON ME!!
YOU'RE GETTING TOO AHEAD OF YOUR-SELVES, MY SWEET KITTENS.
BUT YOU'RE A LITTLE NAIVE...
BOOM

CLENCH
YOUR B.B. GUNS ...
POP
HMPH!!
Bullets
N... NO WAY !!
...HAVE NO EFFECT !!
They got buried inside ?!

IS HE SOME KINDA MON-STER ...?!
GULP
SHUDDER
WHOOM
WHOOM
WHOOM
THE HELI-COPTER WAS A NICE TOUCH, THOUGH ...
NOW, THEN ...
WHOOM
WHOOM


Mean-while...
LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS!!

Smoke Bomb
PSSSSHHHH
THE SMOKE'S SETTLING ...
COUGH
KAE-CHAN?
WHERE ARE YOU?!
HATO-KUN ?!
KAE-CHAN!!
SHE LEFT WITH HER FRIENDS.
!
MASA ...?!

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, TAKERU.
YOU STILL WON'T BE HAPPY IF YOU MARRY HER LIKE THIS...
YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?!
YOU ...
YOU BE-TRAYED ME!!
YOU'RE JUST ENAMORED WITH THE PAST!!
SHUT UP!!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW?!
YOU JUST HAVE TO LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY!
THAT WAS THE PRO-MISE !!
YEAH ...
CLENCH

WE DID EVERY-THING TOGETH-ER...
I WANTED TO FULFILL YOUR DREAMS OF BECOMING A VOICE ACTOR...
NO...
I DID IT IN THE HOPES THAT I COULD ATONE FOR MY FATHER'S SINS...
I DID IT FOR MYSELF ...

BUT...
...WE TRIED HARD TO-GETHER, DIDN'T WE?!
...
!!
GRAB

THE TRUTH IS, I SHOULD'VE STOPPED YOU SOONER...
...IF I WAS REALLY LOOKING OUT FOR YOU...
I'M SORRY ...!!
STOP CHASING THE PAST, TAKERU!
YOU HAVE TALENT, YOU CAN AIM EVEN HIGHER ...
AND YOU'LL MEET LOTS OF PEOPLE...
YOU HAVE A FUTURE!
LOOK TOWARDS YOUR FUTURE ...!!
...
MASA-HARU ...
SQUEEZE

BZZT
STAGGER
UH...
THUD
TA...
...KE...
...RU...

TMP
TA...
...KE...
...RU...
I TOLD YOU THERE WOULDN'T BE A THIRD TIME.

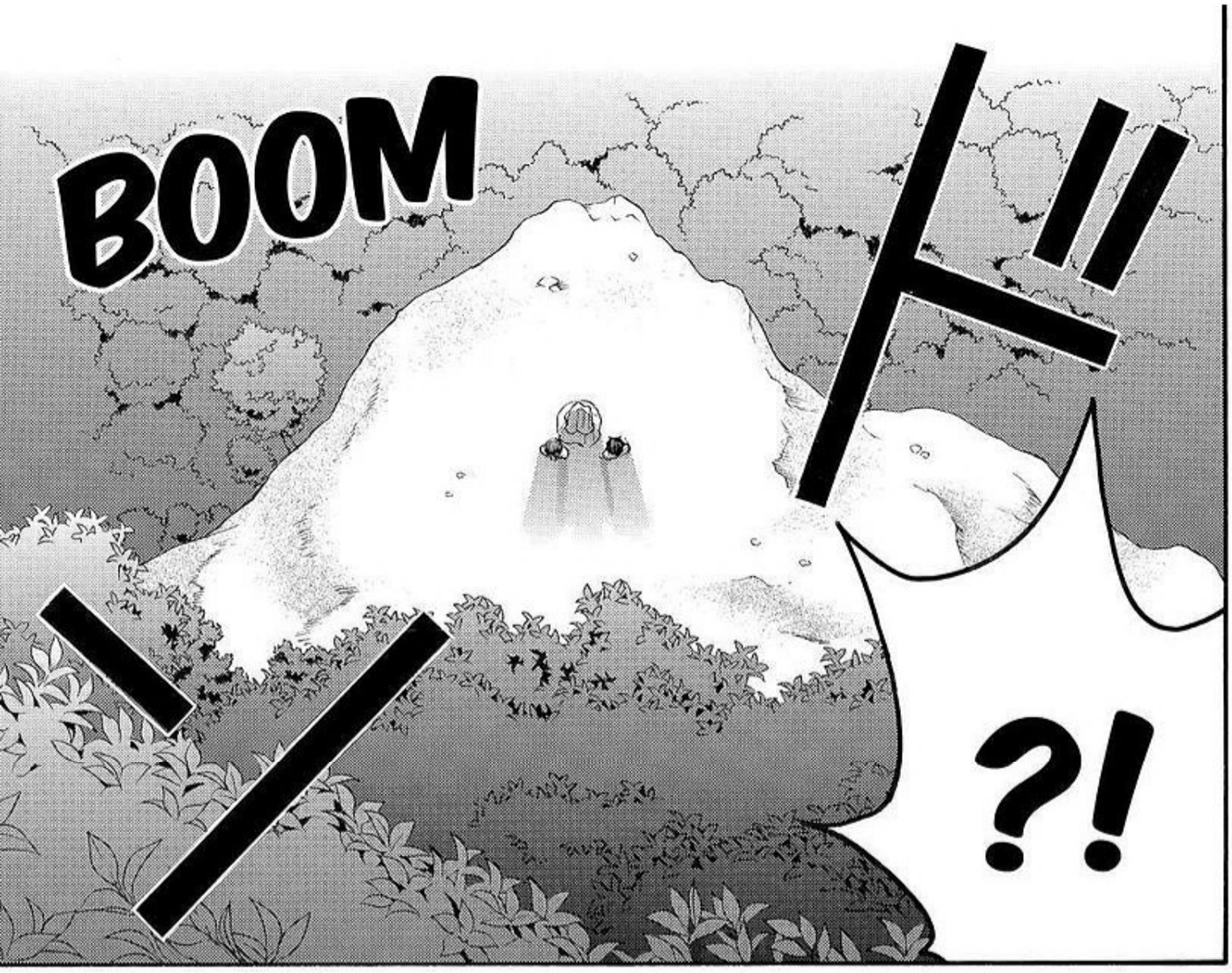
AGH!!
SKIIID
NANA-SHIMA-SEN-PAI!!
Heh heh heh...
DAMN!!
He's so strong!
WHAT DO WE DO?!
HE'S SO FAST FOR HIS SIZE!!
AND ANY ATTACKS BOUNCE OFF HIS FAT!
ANYWAY, WE HAVE TO HOLD HIM OFF EVEN IF WE CAN'T BRING HIM DOWN!
WE HAVE TO HANG ON UNTIL SERINUMA MANAGES TO GET SOME-WHERE SAFE.
OH? DO YOU THINK ...
...THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET HER OUT OF HERE BY HOLD-ING ME OFF?

HUHHH?!
A 100 TIMES ?!!
HEH HEH... AND MY BROTHER IS A 100 TIMES STRONGER THAN ME!
HUH?!
TWIN BRO-THER ?!
I came outside 'cause I sensed some-thing fishy...
MY TWIN BROTHER IS RIGHT ON HER TAIL!
IT'S NO USE !!
GRAB HIS LEGS FOR JUST A MOM-ENT!
O... OKAY !!
STOMP
STOMP
YOU GUYS !!
WE CAN'T WASTE ANY MORE TIME!
THEN WE GOTTA HURRY UP AND HELP THEM!!
AH!
BOOM
DASH
AHHHHHH!!

BAM
OKAY !!
TMP TMP
TMP
DIG DEEP, SHINO-MIYA!!
TMP
TMP
WHOOSH
HUH ?!
TAKE THIS!
LOCK
NGH!
LATCH

PURI-PURI-MOON DIAMOND BUSTER!!!
BOOM
AGHHH!!
DEMOLISHED
ずっぽり
HOW DO YA LIKE THAT ?!!
I DIDN'T THINK I COULD DO THAT, BUT...
HOW DO YA LIKE THAT ?!!
SQUEAL SQUEAL
キャーキャー
PANT PANT
AMAZING! YOU'RE SO COOL!! DIAMOND!
YEAH, RIGHT ?!
OKAY!
LET'S GO MEET UP WITH IGARA-SHI AND THE OTHERS !!
NISHINA, WHERE ARE THEY?
ON IT!
THEY'RE EXITING THE FOREST AS PLANNED !!
HUH? WAIT...
THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT WAY...!
WHAT ?!

Mean-while...
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
COME BACK HERE!!
IT'S NO USE GOING THAT WAY!!
CRAP!
HE'S STILL AFTER US!!
He sure doesn't give up!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SERINUMA-SAN?!
Y... YEAH!
SHWIP
IF WE CAN GET TO THE ROAD, THERE'LL BE A CAR WAITING FOR US, SO...
...RUN!!
OKAY!


BOOM
?!

WHAT A SHAME.
GASP
THIS IS WHERE IT ENDS ...

WE GOT THE ROUTE WRONG AS WE WERE BEING CHASED !!
A DEAD END ...?!
WHEEZE
PANT

GRAB
WHOOM
CRASH
TMP
SEN-PAI!! IGA-RASHI-KUN!!

TMP
FOUND YOU!
KAE-CHAN.
TMP
TMP
SHALL WE?
TMP
TMP
D... DON'T COME ANY CLOS-ER!!
WE STILL HAVEN'T FINISHED THE CERE-MONY.
RETREAT

NOW, THEN ...
ビク
JOLT
TOUCH

IT'S TIME TO KISS THE BRIDE ...!
TO BE CONTINUED IN the JANUARY issue

KISS HIM, NOT ME!
BY JUNKO
#43 TRUE LOVE

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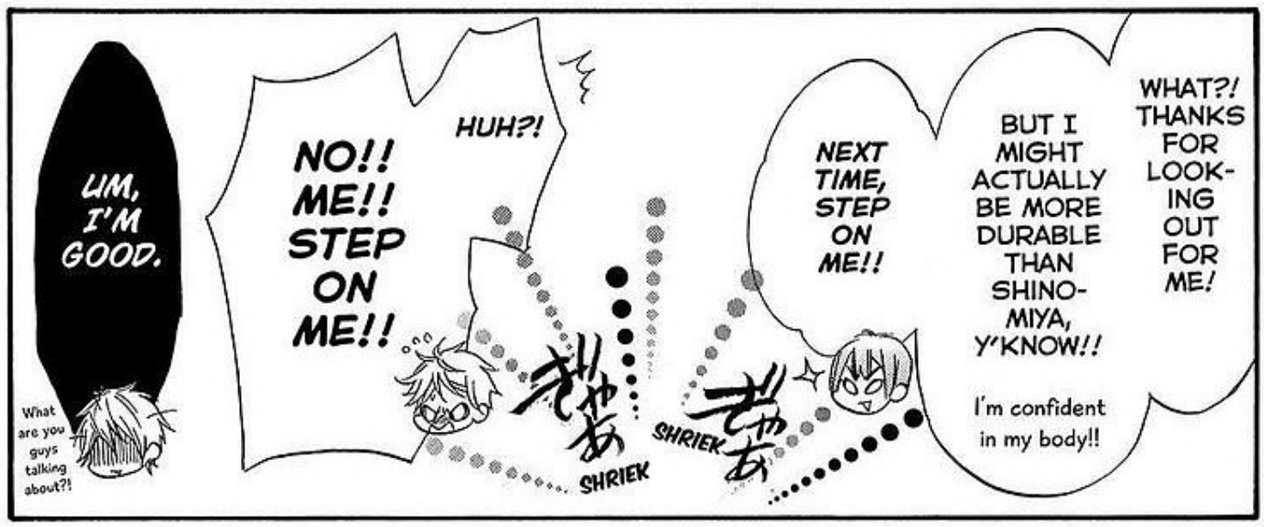
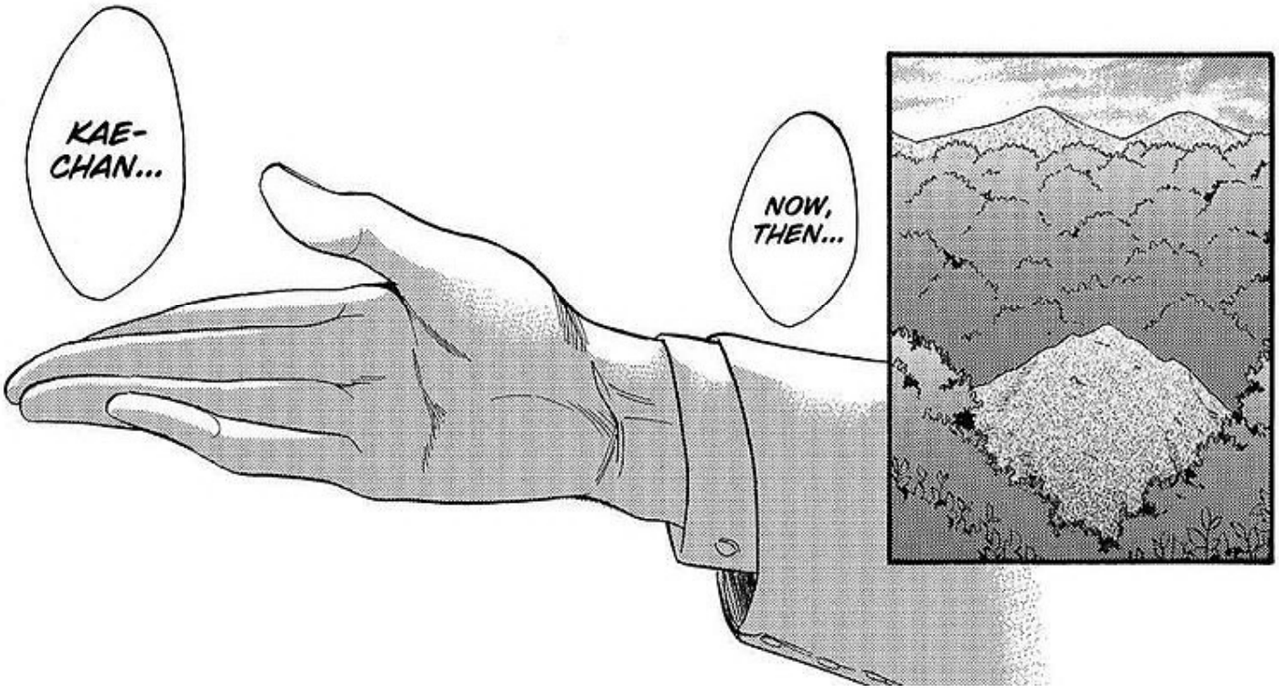
IT'S OKAY! I'M A GUY, AFTER ALL...!
AHEM!!

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
HUH?
Wheeze! Pant!
HEY, SHINO-MIYA!! IS YOUR BACK OKAY?!
SORRY! I JUST COULDN'T STEP ON NISHINA TO MAKE THAT JUMP!


UM, I'M GOOD.
What are you guys talking about?!
NO!! ME!! STEP ON ME!!
HUH?!
SHRIEK
SHRIEK
NEXT TIME, STEP ON ME!!
BUT I MIGHT ACTUALLY BE MORE DURABLE THAN SHINO-MIYA, Y'KNOW!!
I'm confident in my body!!
WHAT?! THANKS FOR LOOK-ING OUT FOR ME!


KAE-CHAN...
NOW, THEN...

DAMN!
D...

HEH HEH ...
H...HOW DID HE KNOW WE'D BE HERE?!

YOU GUYS ARE CRAZY!!
?!
Y... YOU WENT THAT FAR ?!

THERE'S A GPS TRANS-MITTER ON THE TIARA.
WE HAVE TO ENSURE THE BRIDE'S SAFETY AT ALL COSTS, Y'KNOW ...!!

"CRAZY"?
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY...
...TAKERU'S LOVE FOR THE GIRL IS REAL...!!
KAE-CHAN...
SERI-NUMA-SAN!!
...N...

KAPOW
URGH!
NGH!
THUD
Takeru!
SERI-NUMA-SAN!!
Amazing!
YOU'RE NOT GONNA HAVE YOUR WAY ANYMORE, TAH-KUN!!
STOP IT!!
RAWR

WH-WHAT?! C-COME AT ME!!
RUSTLE
MY "KAME-KAMEHA" EMITS FIRE, Y'KNOW!!
RISE...
...RE-FUSING ME...?!
WHY ARE YOU...
WH...
SCRAPE

CRACKLE
Pant
Pant
IF YOU'RE GONNA KEEP REJECT-ING ME ...
THERE'S ...
...NO TELLING WHAT I'LL DO ...!
!!

KAE-CHAN!

WHY ARE YOU REJECT-ING ME LIKE THIS?!

YOU SAID YOU'D PRO-TECT ME!

YOU PROMISED ME THAT WE'D ALWAYS BE TOGETH-ER...!!

THAT'S HOW I WAS ABLE TO GET THIS FAR!

HUH? WE'RE MOVING?

TODAY?! BUT WHY?!

KAE-CHAN...

YOUR WORDS KEPT ME GOING!

Thief

Trash

Unforgivable

Fool

Idiot

Worthless

Return the money!

NOOO!!

DAD!!

I THOUGHT ...

...THAT WE'D MEET AGAIN!!
SERINUMA
TAH-KUN!
OH, GROW UP!
YOU BE QUIET !!
SLAM
ARE YOU GONNA DRAG OUT THAT CHILD-HOOD SOB STORY...
... FOR-EVER ?!

STOP!
!!
TAH-KUN!! MAKE HIM STOP!!
WHOOSH
WHO CARES ABOUT THEM ?!!
THOSE GUYS DON'T KNOW THE REAL YOU, KAE-CHAN!
THEY JUST FLOCKED TO YOU 'CAUSE YOU GOT PRETTY!!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO LOVES AND CARES ABOUT THE REAL YOU!!
WHY CAN'T YOU SEE THAT?!

...
NO ...

...TAH-KUN.
YOU'RE WRONG ...

YOU ONLY SEE THE KAE YOU KNEW IN THE PAST!!
YOU DON'T SEE THE REAL ME!!

YOU SAID YOU WANTED ME TO RETURN TO MY OLD FIGURE ...
... SAYING THAT...
... THAT'S WHAT MADE ME WHO I AM...
!!
BUT YOU'RE WRONG ...!!
IF YOU ONLY ACKNOW-LEDGE THIS FIGURE TO BE KAE SERI-NUMA...
...THEN YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SEES ME ONLY FOR MY PHYSICAL APPEAR-ANCE!!

...!!
NO ...
AND ALSO ...
...YOU HAVE EVERY-ONE WRONG !!
IT'S TRUE THAT ...
...MY CHANGE IN APPEARANCE WAS WHAT STARTED EVERYTHING.
BUT ...
...I WAS STILL THE SAME PERSON INSIDE.
EVEN SO...
...THEY JOINED IN MY HOBBIES, HUNG OUT WITH ME...
...AND DID ALL THEY COULD TO HELP ME WHEN I WAS IN TROUBLE ...
THEY DID ALL THAT... EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO RECIPROCATE THEIR FEELINGS.
やっぱり みんなと

YEAH... THEY WERE ALWAYS THERE...

...UNTIL I SORTED OUT MY FEELINGS ...

I..I'VE BEEN IMPOSING ON THEIR KIND-NESS.

A... AND THEY SAID THAT THEY'D WAIT...

... WATCHING OVER ME...!!

THAT'S RIGHT!

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CLENCH

THEY'VE NEVER ONCE TRIED TO USE FORCE LIKE YOU DO, TAH-KUN !!

YOU WOULDN'T BE TO-GETHER WITH ME!!
WELL...
IF I DIDN'T DO THAT...
...YOU WOULDN'T STAY WITH ME!
LUNGE
SERI-NUMA-SAN!!
CLENCH

GLARE
HMPH!!
FWOOSH
SHE DODGED HIM ...?!
SO FAST !!
ARGH!
CREAK CREAK
CREAK
THUMP

ENOUGH!!!
WHOOSH
HUH ?

ドオオオン
SLAM
FLASH
落ち
DROP

FWIP
TA-KERU !!
GRAB
FLING
I...IGARASHI-KUN!!
TAKE THIS !!
...
FWIP
CATCH

CRACKLE
COLLAPSE
THUD
OW ...
THUD
FAT DOESN'T ADHERE TO THE SKULL...!
Pant
WHUMP
BAM

THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
IGA-RASHI-KUN!!
ARE YOU OKAY ?!
MU-TSUMI-SEN-PAI!!
NOT AT ALL!! WHAT ABOUT YOU TWO...?!
TMP
YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE WHILE WE STILL CAN!!
WE'RE FINE!!
SERI-NUMA-SAN!!
THE GROUND IS CRACK-ING...?
RUMBLE RUMBLE
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
RUMBLE
HUH?
REALLY ?!
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
WHAT'S THAT SOUND ...?
LET'S HURRY AND MEET WITH NANA AND THE OTHERS ...
?!

THE CLIFF...IS STARTING TO CRUMBLE ?!
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
N...NO WAY! FROM THE IMPACT EARLIER ...?!
TAH-KUN!!
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
TAH-KUN, WAKE UP!!
IT'S DANGER-OUS!
TAH-KUN!!
CRACK
GRAB
NO, SERI-NUMA-SAN!! IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!!
BUT HE'S GONNA ...
!!
DASH
TAH-KUN!!

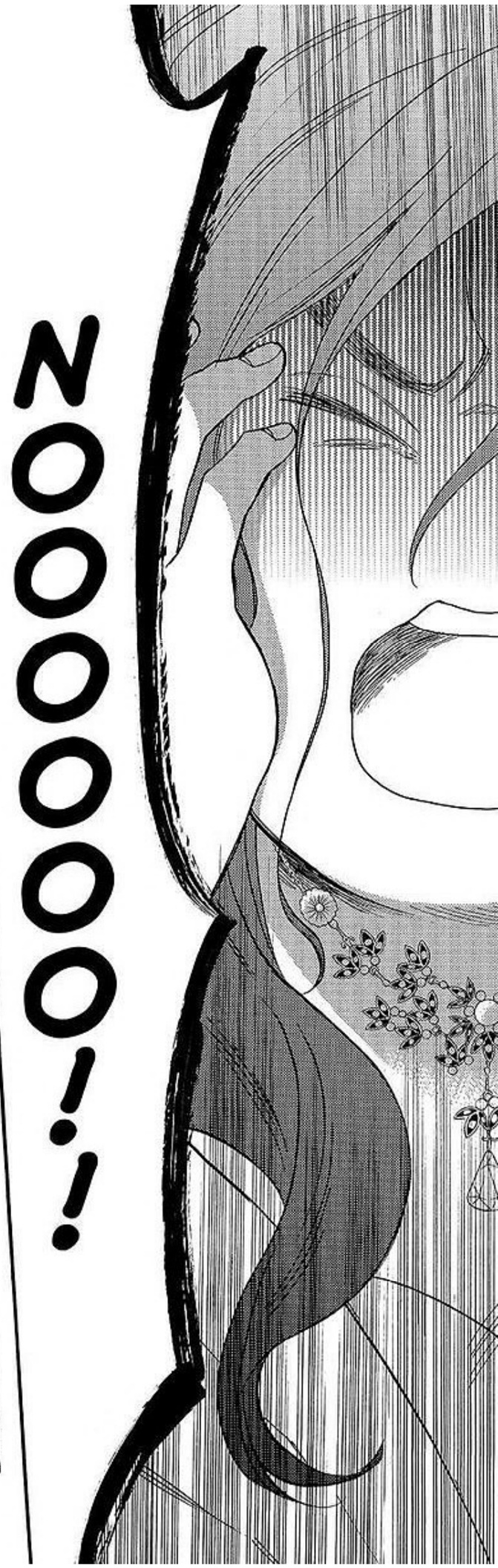
TAH-KUN!!
HUH? MU-TSUMI-SAN?!
TURN
HOLD SERINUMA-SAN TIGHTLY!!
PUSH
WHUMP
IGA-RASHI-KUN...
?!
SQUEEZE
IT'S GONNA BE ALL RIGHT!!
SENPA...?!

WAIT HERE !!

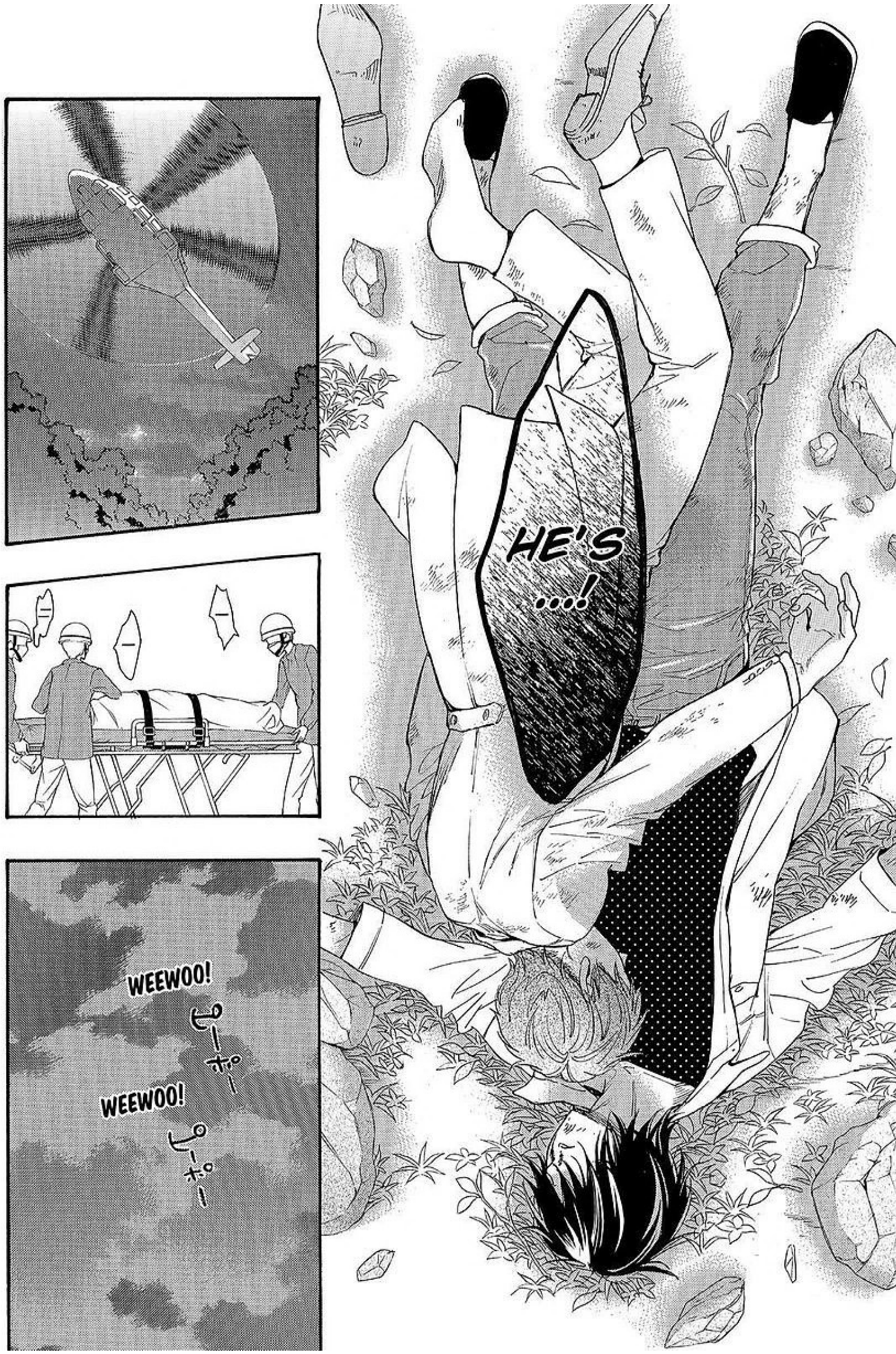
DASH
MITSU-BOSHI-KUN!!
NGH...
COUGH
MU-TSU-MI-SAN!!
SEN-PAI!!
HOIST
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
C'MON!!
CRACK

...!
ぎゅっ
SQUEEZE
SENPAI!!!!!!
THUMP
THUMP
THUD
THUD
THUD

IT'S SERI-NUMA !!
DASH
THAT SCREAM ...
RATTLE...
RATTLE...
?!

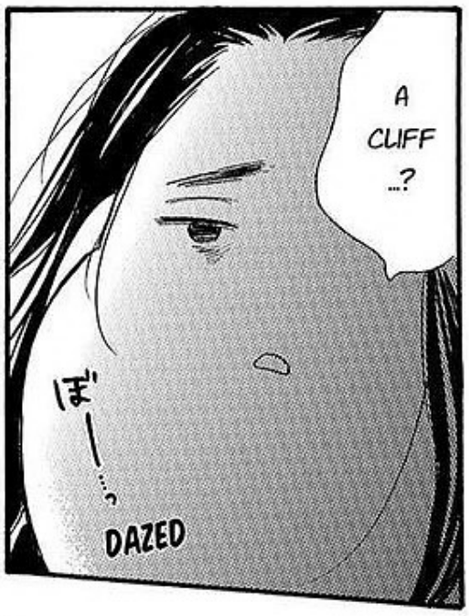

NOOOOOO!!

HEY, IGA-RASHI !!
SLAP
HEY, MAN!!
SERI-NUMA?!
WHAT HAP-PENED ?!
GASP
?!
IT'S MU-TSUMI-SAN...!
H...
GRAB
H... HELP !!
HURRY AND CALL FOR HELP!!


HE'S ...!
WEEWOO!
ピーポー
WEEWOO!
ピーポー

!!
KAE ?!
KAE !!

THANK GOD YOU'RE OKAY, KAE!!
YOU HAD ME WOR-RIED SICK!
...?
WHERE AM I...?


A CLIFF ...?
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DAZED

YOUR FATHER IS COMING. IT'S GONNA BE ALL RIGHT!!
YOU'RE IN THE HOS-PITAL!!
YOU ALMOST FELL OFF THE CLIFF AS IT WAS CRUM-BLING!
病院
Hospital

GASP

SEN-PAI!!
WHAT ABOUT MUTSUMI-SENPAI ?!
BOLT

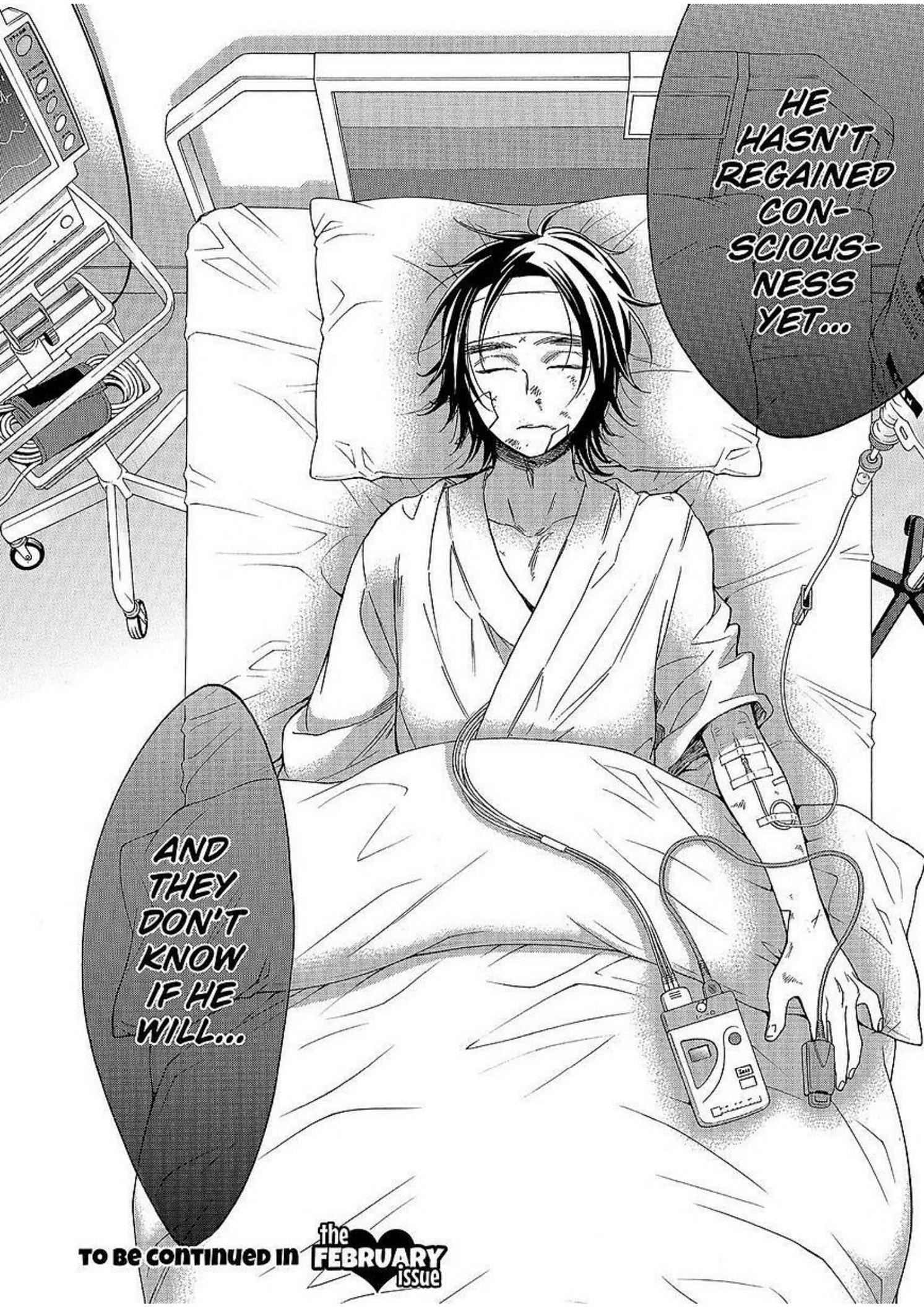
SLIDE

KAE!! DON'T GET UP YET...
WHERE IS EVERY-ONE?!
WHERE ARE THEY?!
THUD
CLATTER CLATTER

SERI-NUMA!!
!!
SERI-NUMA-SEN-PAI!!

YOU GUYS ...!!
PHEW! YOU'RE AWAKE! ARE YOU HOLDING UP OKAY ?!
SERI-NUMA-SEN-PAI!!
Y-yeah...
WH... WHAT ABOUT MUTSUMI-SENPAI ?!
AND TAH-KUN ...?
!!
M... MITSU-BOSHI'S INJURIES ARE MINOR.
HE HAS TO BE HOSPI-TALIZED FOR SOME TESTS, BUT IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.
S... SENPAI, TOO, RIGHT?
MUTSUMI-SENPAI'S OKAY, TOO, RIGHT?!
...
HE'S ...
FOR BOTH OF THEM ...

BUT...
MIRACULOUSLY, THE TREES THAT HAD GROWN BELOW SERVED AS A CUSHION, AND THEY FELL ON TOP OF SOME SOFT GRASS...
MUTSUMI-SAN BROKE MITSU-BOSHI'S FALL...
...AND HIT HIS HEAD.
LUCKILY, IT WASN'T FATAL, AND HE DOESN'T NEED SURGERY...
BUT...



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#44 WAITING FOR YOU
KISS HIM, NOT ME!
BY JUNKO

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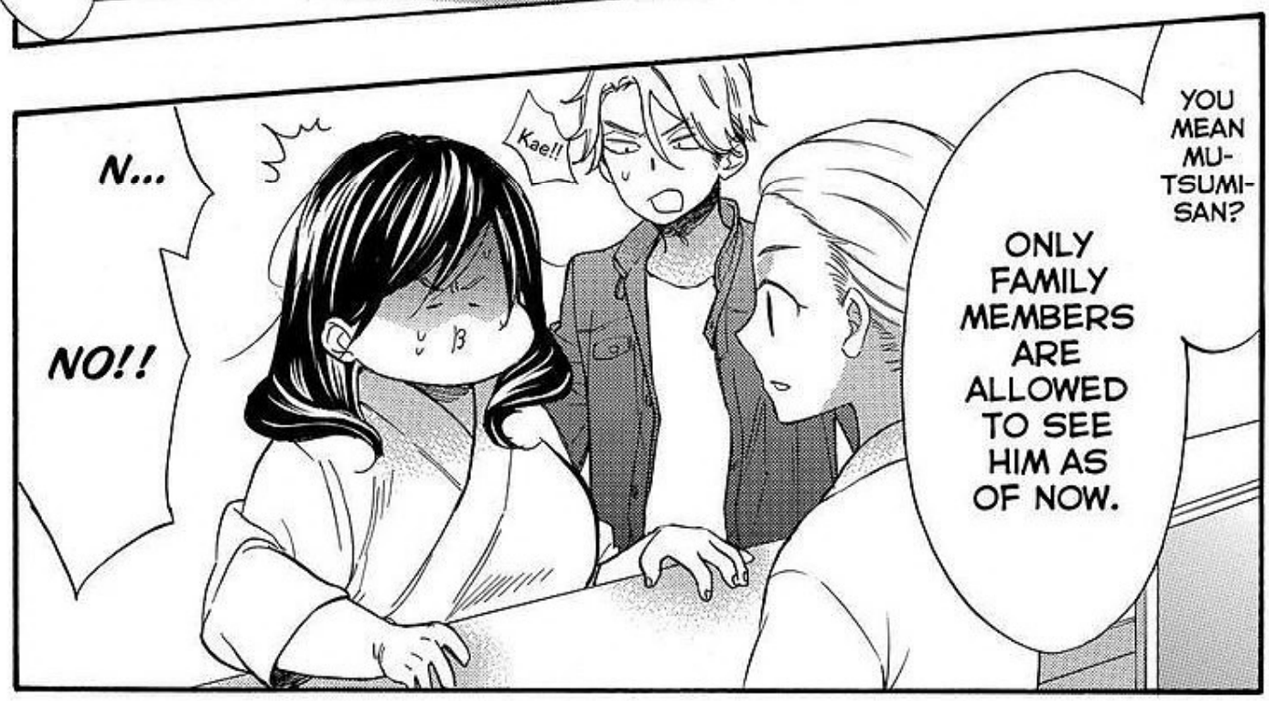
HE HASN'T REGAINED CON-SCIOUS-NESS YET...
AND THEY DON'T KNOW IF HE WILL...
HUH ?!
NO!!
...!
DASH
HEY, KAE!!

はいっ
BOOM
UH, EX-CUSE ME!!
EX-CUSE ME!!
SEN-PAI...
WHERE IS MUTSUMI-SENPAI?!
WHAT ?!
MUTSUMI-SENPAI...?
OHH!


YOU MEAN MU-TSUMI-SAN?
ONLY FAMILY MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO SEE HIM AS OF NOW.
Kae!!
N...
NO!!

KAE, C'MON! LET'S HEAD BACK!!
RATTLE...
カララ
Conference Room
カンファレンスルーム
PLEASE!!
I'M TRULY SORRY, BUT I CAN'T!
PLEASE!! SURELY YOU CAN MAKE AN EXCEP-TION!

?!
UH...
S...
SEN-SEI?!
!
SENSEI!!
Oh...
I'M NOT YOUR SENSEI ANYMORE.
Ha ha!
OH!!
YOU'RE... SERINUMA-SAN, RIGHT? I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'VE COME TO!
H... HE'S A MUTSUMI, ALL RIGHT!!
UH, SO HE CAN TELL?!
?!
「てか わかるの!!
WHOA, YOU'VE GOTTEN CHUBBY, HUH? HOW CUTE! YOU'RE LIKE A MEAT BUN! ♡
UH... MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...
HUH? YOU KNOW HIM?!
I'VE SEEN HIM BEFORE...
You're kidding me...
I THINK HE GOES TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY AS ME. SO HE'S PART OF MUTSUMI'S FAMILY, HUH...

HOW'S SEN-PAI...?
WHERE IS HE?!
Uh...
I SEE.
KAE!!
WHEN WE TOLD HER WHAT HAP-PENED TO MUTSUMI-SAN EARLIER... SHE BOLTED OUT OF HER ROOM TO FIND HIM...
SENSEI !!
EVEN JUST A QUICK LOOK!!
PLEASE LET ME SEE SENPAI...
I BEG YOU!!

ALL RIGHT...
COME THIS WAY.

カシャ
RATTLE

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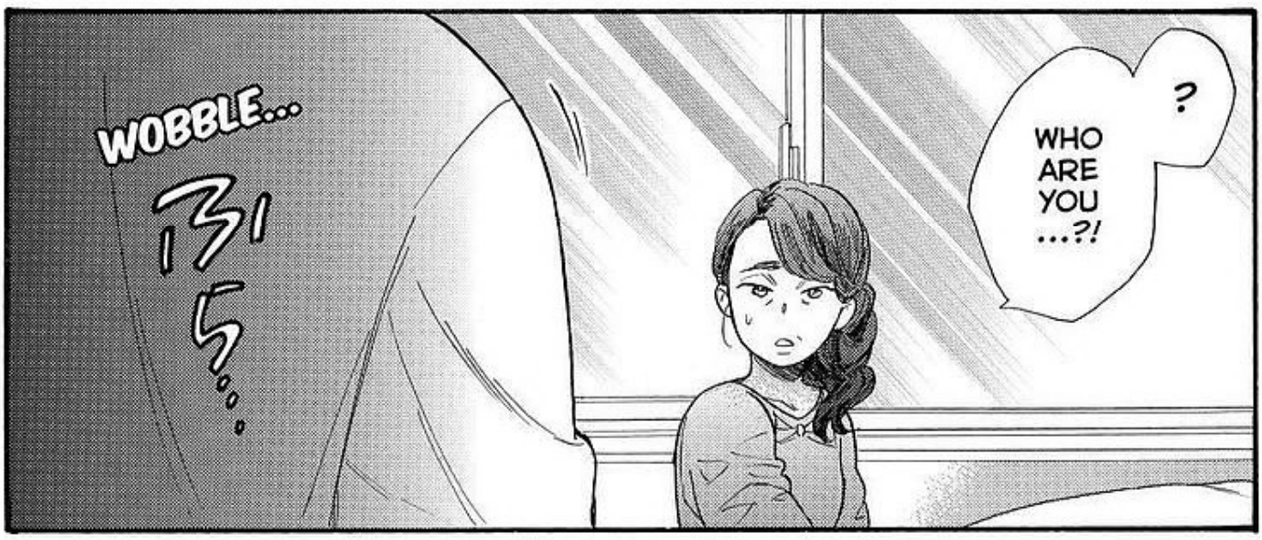
六見 遊馬
Asuma Mutsumi


WOBBLE...
ふら...
?
WHO ARE YOU ...?!

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
KA-ZUMA?
SHE'S ASUMA'S LOVE INTER-EST.
That's all.
HUH?
UH, I SEE.
...
SENPAI...?
GASP
UH!
YES...
I...
I'M...
YOU WERE WITH HIM WHEN IT HAPPENED... RIGHT?

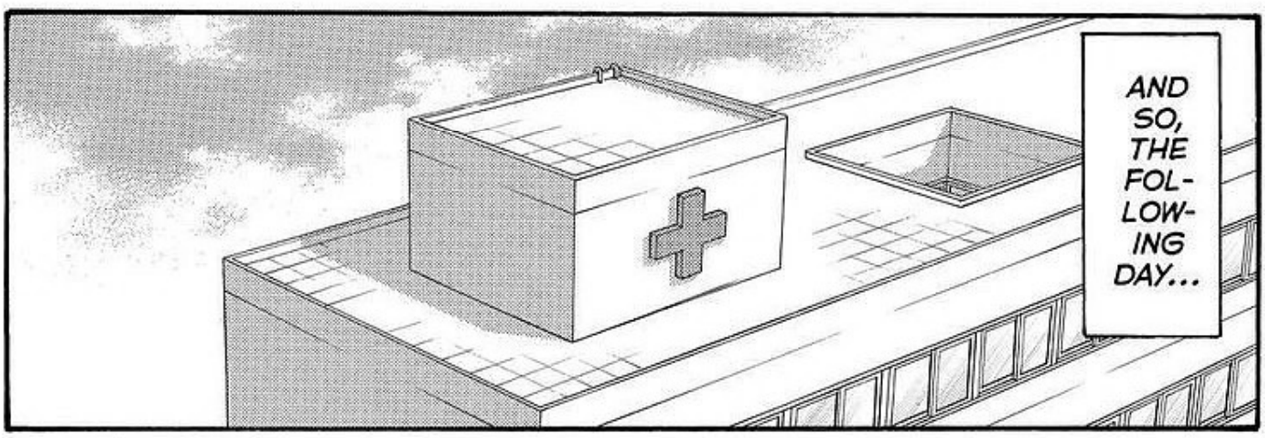
TOUCH...
IT'S 'CAUSE... I GOT SENPAI INVOLVED THAT... ALL OF THIS...!!
...SORRY... SO SORRY...!!
IT'S ALL MY FAULT ...

ASUMA IS JUST THAT KIND OF BOY...
IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT.
I HEARD THAT THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE HE WAS TRYING TO HELP A FRIEND.

LET ME ATTEND TO HIM!! I'LL DO ANY-THING!!
GRAB
PLEASE !!
...
LET ME LOOK AFTER SENPAI!!
CLENCH

I BEG YOU!!
GROVEL
UH...
TH... THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU, BUT...
...WE COULDN'T VERY WELL MAKE ANOTHER PERSON'S DAUGHTER ...
HE MIGHT WAKE UP SOONER WITH A CLOSE FRIEND BY HIS SIDE.
KA-ZUMA !!
Now, now! Get up!
I MEAN ...
WHY NOT? LET'S TAKE HER UP ON IT!
WELL... IF YOUR PARENTS ARE FINE WITH IT...
...CAN WE ASK THAT OF YOU?
THANK YOU!!

Father came and went!
For God's sake! Then I'm staying behind, too!
I STAYED BEHIND IN HOKKAIDO.
AS WE WAITED FOR SENPAI'S CONDITION TO BE STABLE ENOUGH TO TRANSFER HIM TO A HOSPITAL IN TOKYO...
I'm not leaving!
Are you stupid?!
Huh?! You can't be serious ...
AND SO...


AND SO, THE FOL-LOW-ING DAY...

EX-CUSE ME!
COME ON, NOW.
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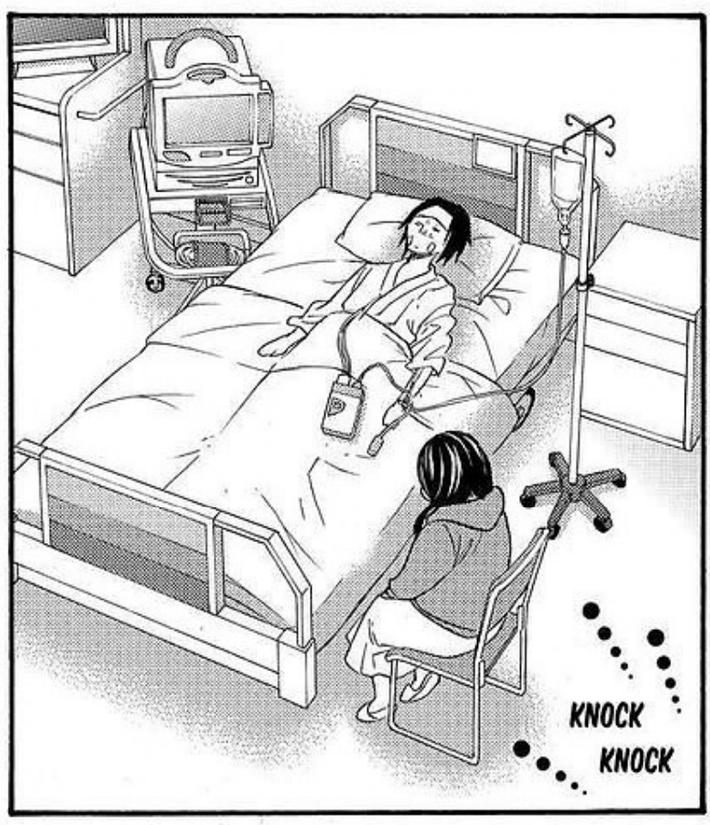
RATTLE
YES?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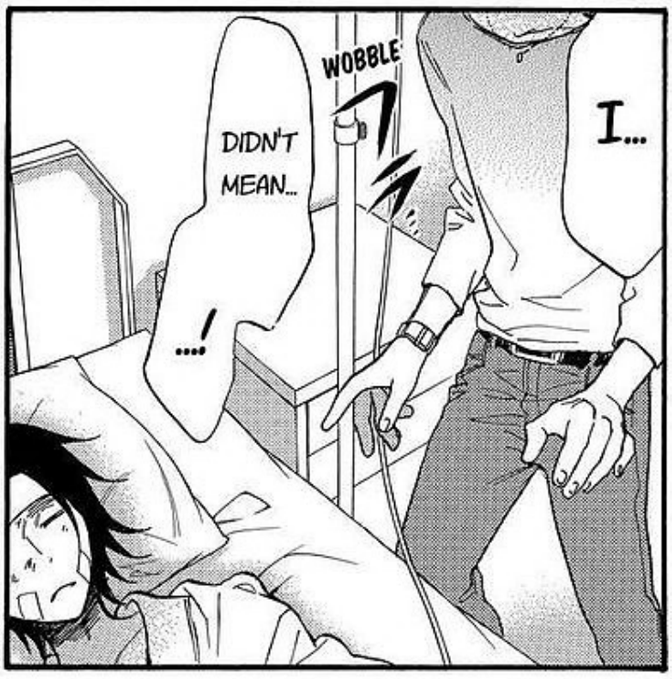
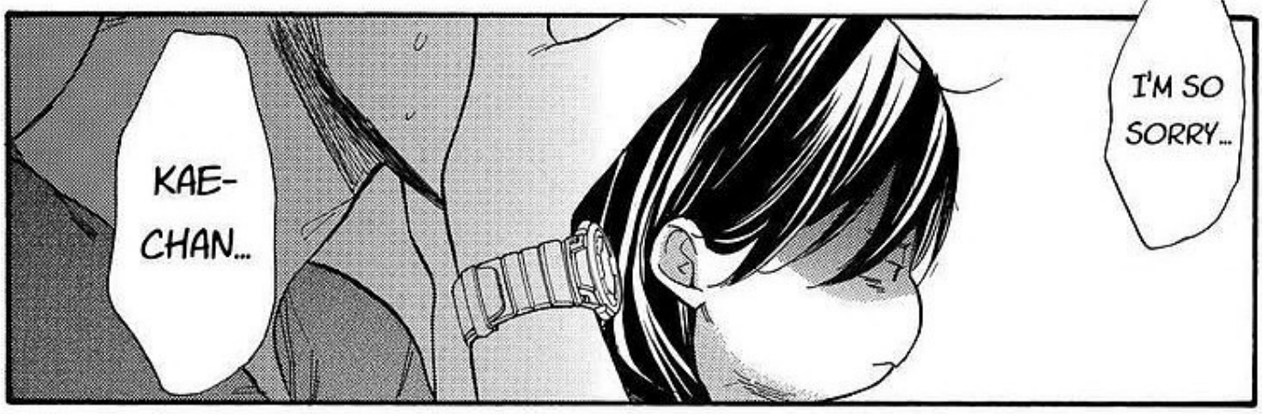
RATTLE...
カラ…
...!!
CLATTER
TAH-KUN!!
...!
KAE-CH...
TMP


I...
WOBBLE
DIDN'T MEAN...
...!

GASP


I'M SO SORRY...
KAE-CHAN...

DON'T SAY THAT TO ME...
...WHEN HE WAKES UP.
SAY THAT TO SENPAI ...

CLENCH

IF THERE IS...
...ANYTHING I CAN DO...
FWIP
THERE IS, IN FACT, SOMETHING YOU SHOULD DO.
YOU STILL HAVE TO FINISH YOUR TOUR.
YOU HAVE FANS WAITING FOR YOU.
DON'T LET THEM DOWN, TOO.
THAT'S THE ONLY THING...
...YOU CAN DO FOR SENPAI NOW!!

I KNOW.

LET'S GO.

SHE'S RIGHT.

THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO NOW...

I'M SURPRISED I COULD SAY THAT AFTER ALL HE DID JUST YES-TERDAY...
THAT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT YOU WOULD'VE SAID, RIGHT, SENPAI ...?
GOOD-BYE...
TAH-KUN.

IN THE END...
SHIMA-CHAN PULLED A FEW STRINGS, AND THE MATTER WAS SETTLED WITHOUT GOING PUBLIC...
This is power!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER, MUTSUMI-SENPAI GOT TRANS-FERRED TO TOKYO.
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AND TWO WEEKS LATER ...

SERINUMA-SENPAI IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL AGAIN?
YEAH.
IT'S NO USE.
I DON'T THINK SHE'S GONNA BUDGE UNTIL HE WAKES UP.

SHINOMIYA, YOU WENT TO THE HOSPITAL YESTERDAY, RIGHT? HOW WERE THINGS?
AND SHE'S BEEN COOPED UP IN THERE THE WHOLE TIME...
Y... YES.
SHE LOOKED WELL, BUT...
WELL, SHE'S ...
... GOTTEN QUITE THIN...
I...I MEAN...
YEAH...
That makes sense.
AT THIS RATE, SHE'S GONNA END UP LOSING CON-SCIOUS-NESS, TOO!
IS SHE EATING PROPERLY?
I HOPE SENPAI IS OKAY...
I...
...SAW HER.
HELLO!

SENPAI?
Are you here?
ガチャッ
KER-CHAK

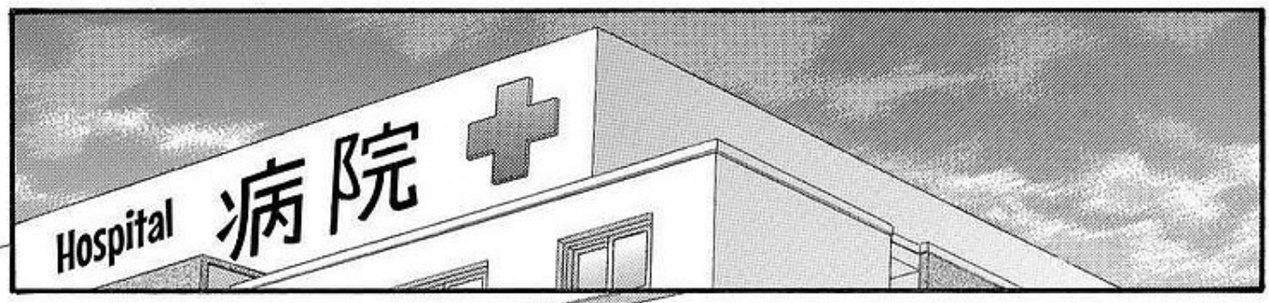
HUH?! SHE'S NOT HERE?
OH! THE GIRL WHO'S ALWAYS HERE? YOU'LL FIND HER ON THE ROOFTOP AROUND THIS TIME.

GASP
SEN...?

AND, WELL...
SHE WAS COLLECTING SPIRIT BALLS.
YIKES!!!
GASP

EVERYONE!
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
GIVE ME STRENGTH!

I HOPE SHE'S ALL RIGHT ...
TODAY'S MY TURN TO VISIT, SO I'LL TAKE SOME SNACKS WITH ME AND SEE HOW THINGS ARE GOING.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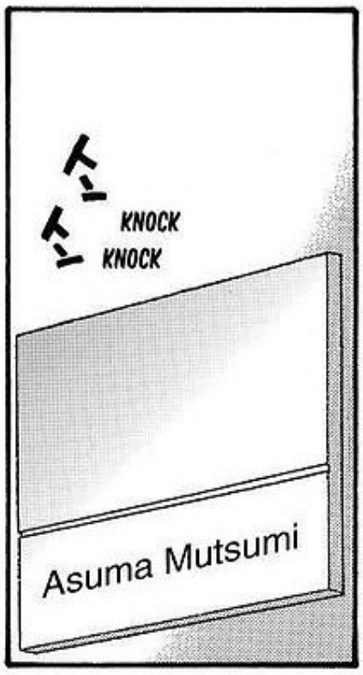
THAT'D BE GREAT.
YEAH, LEAVE IT TO ME.
WE'D LIKE TO COME, TOO, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN ALL INTRUDE EVERY DAY.
THANKS!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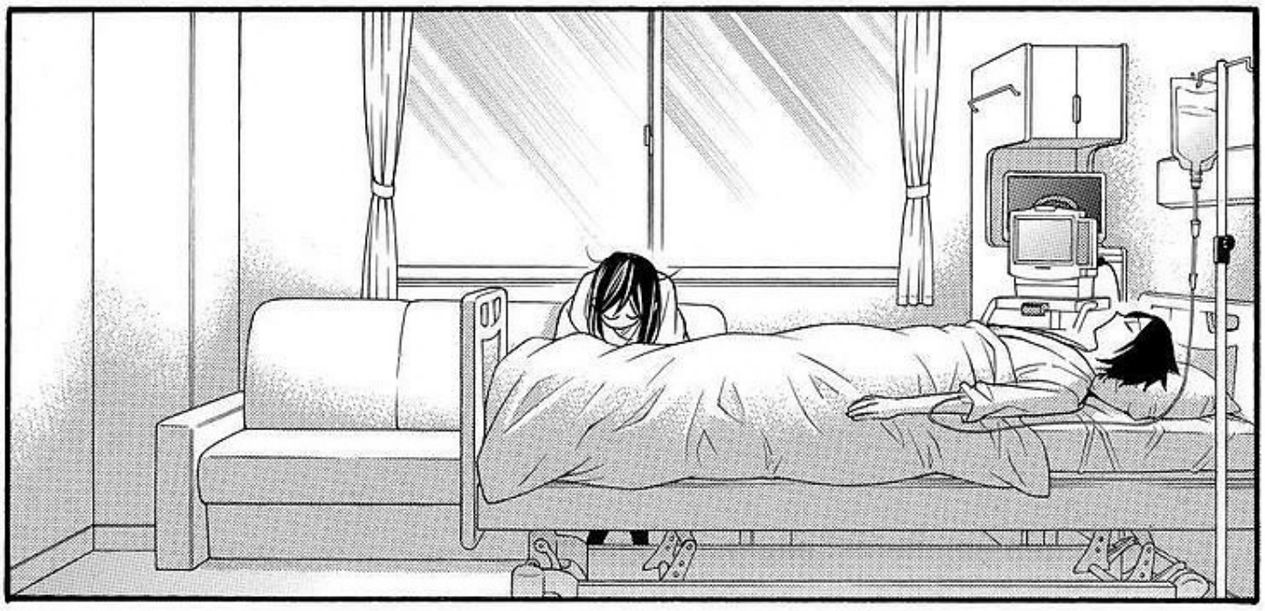
KNOCK KNOCK
Asuma Mutsumi

カラ・ラ
RATTLE
EXCUSE ME.
SERI-NUMA-SAN, ARE YOU HERE ...?

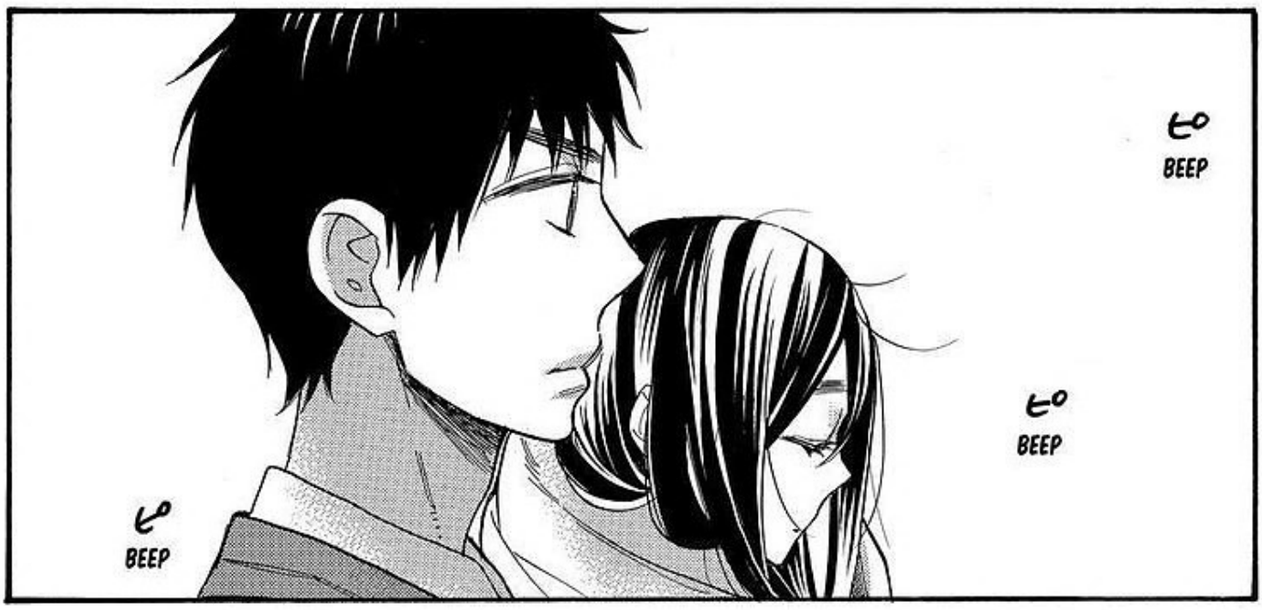


すー…
ZZZ
すー…
ZZZ

No change with him, either.
HUH …
SHE'S SLEEP-ING…
ん ん!!
TMP TMP

すぅ…
CREAK…

SH… SHE REALLY HAS GOTTEN THINNER…
OR RATHER …
SHE'S WASTING AWAY.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BEEP
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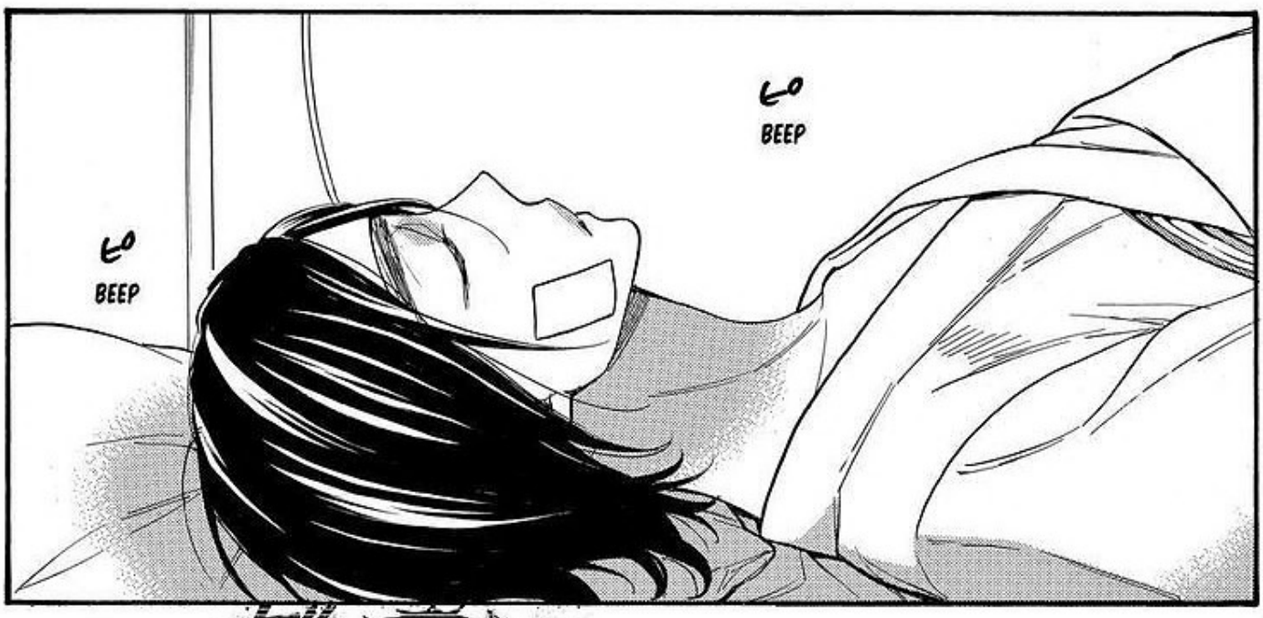
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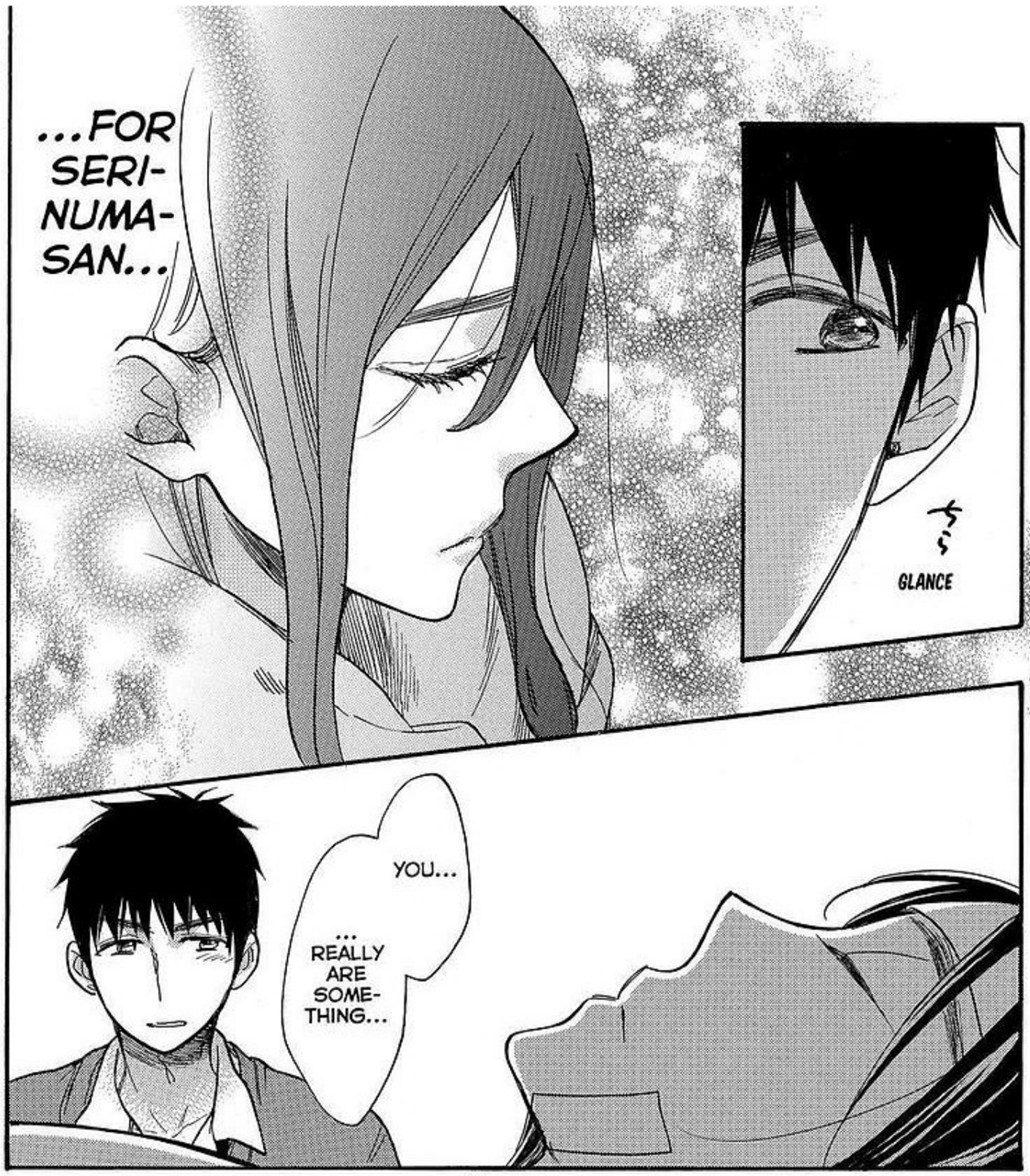
AT THE TIME...
I ONLY THOUGHT ABOUT STOPPING SERI-NUMA...
BUT MUTSUMI-SAN RAN TO SAVE MITSU-BOSHI...


...FOR SERI-NUMA-SAN...
ちら
GLANCE
YOU...
...REALLY ARE SOME-THING...

?!
JOLT
JUMP
SENPAI!!!

BUT...
MM...

SENPAI WOKE UP!!
SEN-PAI'S AWAKE NOW !!
SEN-PAI!!
SERI-NUMA-SAN?! WHAT IS IT?!
FWIP
SEN-PAI!!
SERI-NUMA-SAN...
YOU WERE SLEEPING JUST NOW, DON'T YOU REMEM-BER?
HUH?
SO...
HUH ...?
NO!!
BUT EAR-LIER ...!!
YOU WERE DREAM-ING!!
...
THUD ドサ...

Again?!
?!
JOLT
AH!!
S...
...

IT'S SPIRIT BALL TIME!!!
I GOTTA COL-LECT A BUNCH TODAY !!!

WAIT !!
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DASH
I'LL BE BACK !!!
S... SERI-NUMA-SAN !!!

FWIP
LEND MUTSUMI-SENPAI A BIT OF YOUR POWER!!
EVERYONE!
KER-CHAK
GASP
IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, YOU'RE GONNA ...
GRAB
NO!!
SERI-NUMA-SAN!! YOU NEED TO REST A LITTLE!!
SHE'S LOST HER MIND!! SHE HAS TO REST, OR SOME-THING BAD WILL HAPPEN!!

THAT'S WHY I'M COLLECTING ALL THE SPIRIT BALLS!
THAT'S WHY...
BUT SENPAI WOKE UP EARLIER !!
IF I GIVE THEM ALL TO HIM...
... HE'LL COME BACK RIGHT AWAY!!
H...
HE SMILED AT ME!!

SOB
I HATE THIS!!
C... C'MON!
WAKE UP ALREADY!
I HATE THIS SO MUCH ...!!
SOB
WHIMPER
I KNOW ...
SERI-NUMA-SAN...
I KNOW ...
HURRY UP AND COME BACK!
HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU GONNA MAKE SERINUMA-SAN CRY?!
BUT ...
CLENCH...
MU-TSUMI-SAN!!

HEY!
HOW'S HE HOLDIN' UP?
RATTLE
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JOLT
ビクッ
OH! HI, SENSE... I MEAN, ASUMA'S OLDER BROTHER !!
YOUR MOTHER JUST LEFT!!
?!
ALL SET!! HERE I GO !!
E**!! LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH !!
SLAP
A WHAT CIRCLE...?!
WITH THIS HUMAN TRANS-MUTAT-ION CIRCLE, I'M SURE I'LL BE ABLE TO BRING BACK SEN-PAI'S SPIRIT !!
WH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
FLASH

SILENCE
COME BACK, ASUMA MU-TSUMI !!
BOOM
WH... WHY DON'T YOU CALL IT A DAY FOR NOW?
OR WAS IT BAD THAT I USED BOTH THE CIRCLE AND E**'S METHOD? NO, BUT I HAVEN'T ARRIVED AT THE GATE OF TRUTH, SO I CAN'T...
IS THE CIRCLE INCOM-PLETE ?!
PANT
PANT
WHY DIDN'T IT WORK ?!!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP FLAP
Fullmetal Alchemist
IN-STEAD OF THAT...
WHY DON'T YOU TALK TO HIM AND HOLD HIS HAND AND STUFF?
HE CAN APPARENTLY HEAR YOU.
GASP
A PRINCE'S KISS WOULD WORK BETTER, WOULDN'T IT?!
PLUS, THERE ARE MORE EFFEC-TIVE WAYS, DON'T YOU THINK ?
LIKE A PRIN-CESS'S KISS...
NAW, I DON'T THINK THAT'D WORK ON ASUMA...
Though it might work on me.

HUH ...?
OH, SORRY, I GOTTA TAKE THIS.
HELLO ?
VRRRN
SHUT
OHH ...
HOLDING HIS HAND...
す...
TOUCH...

きゅっ…
HOLD...
CAN YOU...
...HEAR MY VOICE?
SEN-PAI...
AND SO BIG...
SENPAI ...
YOUR HANDS ARE WARM...

COME TO THINK OF IT...
THE FIRST TIME WE HELD HANDS WAS WHEN WE ENTERED THAT CAVE, HUH?
YEAH... I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE AFRAID OF THE DARK...
...YET YOU WANTED TO GO TO A PLACE LIKE THAT...
YOU'RE A STRANGE ONE, SENPAI...
AND WHEN I...
...SUD-DENLY BECAME SKINNY, YOU RECOG-NIZED ME RIGHT AWAY...
...AND YOU TREATED ME THE SAME WAY YOU ALWAYS DID, HUH?

YOU TOLD ME, "YOU'RE STILL YOU."
WHEN YOU SAID THAT... YOU MADE ME FEEL SO AT EASE.
...BEEN BY MY SIDE...
EVEN WHEN I CAUSED YOU TROUBLE... YOU ALWAYS HELPED ME...
IT'S GONNA BE ALL RIGHT!!
AND I REALLY ENJOYED OUR STROLL THROUGH TOWN...
WE STILL HAVE TO FULFILL THAT PROMISE TO VISIT ANOTHER PLACE, HUH?
AND...
IN SPITE OF ALL MY INDECISION... YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU'D...
CON-TINUE TO WAIT FOR ME...
YOU'VE ALWAYS ...

WAIT HERE!!

LIKE A PRIN-CESS'S KISS...
...
I'M WAIT-ING...
I'M WAITING, SO...
CREAK
MU-TSUMI-SENPAI ...

COME BACK...
We're taking a break next month.
See what happens next in the April issue!